



Celebrate Celebration



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Just 138 days until Celebration on the Hill 2006!

Celebration on the Hill makes a home on the web

Looking to learn more about the activities leading up to and planned for Celebration on the Hill? Looking to connect with other Celebration Ambassadors? Then log on to celebrationonthehill.org today! This site will not only serve as your forum to complete your registration to attend Celebration, purchase luminaria and tickets to the ACS Community Voices CAN receptions, but also to interact with fellow Ambassadors and participants. As Celebration on the Hill approaches, you will also have the opportunity to use the site to share photos and view videos. It will be the place to be on the web!

An Invitation to Survivors

You are the heart of Celebration on the Hill. You represent hope and progress. Celebration on the Hill 2006 is to honor you, your struggle, your victory.

All survivors who register online, whether or not you are an Ambassador, will receive a special recognition in their registration packet. When you visit the Survivor Tent before the Opening Ceremony, it will be our honor to give you some special gifts. Please check the information kiosk in your hotel or the Survivor schedule in your registration packet for the times of the two survivor laps. We hope you will walk in both.

Celebration on the Hill 2006 will change the world and it is because of you that it is possible. We'll see you on the Hill!

*From your Survivorship Co-Chairs
Sue Ann Maresca and Lori Bremner*

Recruit 30 new ACS CAN Members. Meet your Goal Quickly & Easily!

New to **acscan.org**, the official website of the Cancer Action Network, is a user-friendly option to create your own personal web page. It takes only minutes to do, and provides a quick and easy way to recruit friends, family, co-workers, etc. to join ACS CAN with the click of a button.

Testimony from a Texas Ambassador:

“I have really enjoyed creating my own web page and collecting donations through the web site. It is so neat that I can email my friends and ask them to join with me in this fight against cancer. I have in two days sent out 17 emails and have had 22 hits to my web page. It sure beats having to complete the form and it gives the individual more information than I could ever supply about ACS CAN. Many Thanks!”

Deborah Williams

Refugio, Texas

Ambassador for Congressman Ruben Hinojosa

Just follow these directions to set up your own web page and launch an e-mail campaign to fight cancer:

1. Go to www.acscan.org
2. Click on the ‘Take Action’ icon on the left hand side of the page.
3. At the ‘Take Action’ screen, click on an issue button under the ‘Hot Topics’ section. You can choose Access to Care, Tobacco, Research or Disparities.
4. The next screen will have information regarding the Hot Topic that you selected. At the bottom of that screen, select “Tell your story or start your own grassroots team”.
5. On the Waiver/Agreement page, click “I Agree” to be directed to the next page to start your personal page.
6. On the next page, select that you want to start an **individual** page.
7. The next screen will allow you to fill out your personal information and decide what type of goal you would like to have for your personal page.
8. Once this information has been entered, your personal web page will be approved and you will then be able to customize your page with your personal story and message.
9. Start editing your page by selecting the ‘Start Here!’ link.
10. Follow the final instructions and your new personal advocacy page is ready!

Meet Thelma Suson, Ambassador from Coppell, Texas



Today, this 6-year breast cancer survivor is on top of the world. Her health has been restored, she enjoys going to work, and she celebrates each and every day of her life no matter what comes her way. Cancer forced her to rely completely on her faith in God.

“After attending an American Cancer Society support group, I realized the importance of getting to know others who have experienced cancer. That meeting made me conscious of my need to help others through the cancer maze, because no one should endure cancer alone.”

She became a spokesperson for the support group after being interviewed for a local TV health segment and a cable station’s program about the importance of support groups.

When she heard about Relay For Life, Thelma knew she had found her calling. Having served in a leadership role at work and in other areas of her life, she knew she could be a positive benefit for the fund-raiser. Thelma evolved from a survivor, to a team captain, on to luminaria chair, then event co-chair, and has served as event chair the past two years.

“ Thousands of people have made a cancer journey, and made it to the end of the tunnel. It’s important to allow family and friends to help and, most of all, allow yourself to be treated like a prince or princess!”

In 2004, she went to visit her home country, the Philippines. Her mission was to raise cancer awareness in order to change the belief that those suffering from cancer should endure in silence and without early care. She spoke to over 1,500 people during her visit, and was interviewed on a radio program that

“As part of the Society’s Celebration on the Hill, I have the opportunity to share my experience and use my voice on behalf of others to draw attention to the challenges cancer patients face. We’ll take the cancer fight to the doorstep of legislators who can affect change. There’s been tremendous progress, but there’s still much to be done.”



Colleges Against Cancer chapters across the nation are sending their message to Capitol Hill in a creative way... They're signing t-shirts from their schools that will hang on the Mall during Celebration on the Hill. Above: Students in Providence sign their shirt.

Shine on stage at Celebration on the Hill

Do you know a Relay For Life performer who always "wow's the crowd"? Then the Celebration on the Hill Task Force needs your help... We're still looking for entertainment acts for the big day. If you are interested in performing -- or know someone who is -- please contact your American Cancer Society staff partner and ask for the Celebration on the Hill entertainment submission form. The deadline is April 28th.