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*Event to Benefit American Cancer Society Set for Friday, Feb. 17*

**By Katie Furr, ('20) GWU Intern for Communications**

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University will be hosting its fourth annual Relay for Life Event on Feb. 17. The student-led fundraiser will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Lutz Yelton Convocation Center on GWU's main campus. It is open to the public, and anyone is welcome to participate.

Relay for Life Graphic

Relay for Life raises funds for the American Cancer Society, and past Relays at GWU have raised up to \$19,000. It's a cause that is close to many hearts, including organizer Kristen Putnam's. "I support the American Cancer Society because some very close family members of mine have lost their fight to cancer, and I want to do everything I can to help find a cure," Putnam elaborated. "The goal for this year's Relay is to get people excited and involved. Of course, we want to raise money to send to the American Cancer Society, but in order to do that, we have to have people who want to be there and are excited to help with this important cause."

So far, 13 teams are signed up to participate. Various activities are planned for the event, including performances by GWU and local groups, team booths, laps to honor survivors and recognize caregivers, and a luminary ceremony. The suggested donation price for a luminary is \$10, and they can be purchased on campus in Student Activities or online at [www.relayforlife.org/gwunc](http://www.relayforlife.org/gwunc).

For more information, contact Kristen Putnam at [kputnam1@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:kputnam1@gardner-webb.edu).

*For more than 100 years, the American Cancer Society has worked to save lives and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. With millions of supporters worldwide, the Society helps people stay well, get well, find cures, and fight back against cancer. Since 1985, Relay for Life has raised nearly \$5 billion to fight cancer.*