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Cancer Benefit Set for Spangler Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 24

By Jill Blank, Communications Intern

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—More than 1 million people in the United States get cancer each year. The disease’s impact on people in the Gardner-Webb University community led students to organize and host an inaugural Relay for Life fundraiser on campus in 2013. Last year’s event raised over \$19,000 for American Cancer Society research, education and survivor support, and Gardner-Webb students hope to increase donations and awareness through this year’s Relay event.

Relay for Life will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, from 5-11 p.m. at Spangler Stadium. More than 25 teams and 130 participants have already signed up to take part in the Disney-themed event. “Our vision for this Relay is to get the community surrounding our school and the school itself to come together and fight a disease that has touched all of our lives,” shared Mary Toohey, a GWU senior and head chair of the organizing committee.

Activities during the Relay for Life will include a survivor celebration, group dance performances and concessions. “No one should ever have to fight cancer alone,” commented senior Emily DeVries, head of the event’s communications committee. “That is why I Relay, to help fight this fight for those who can’t and in the hope that one day no one will ever have to.”

Relay for Life organizers will sell luminaries on campus during athletic and other events in the days prior to the event. For more information on how you can participate in the Relay for Life or to donate to the American Cancer Society, visit www.relayforlife.org/gwunc. For additional details, email Toohey at mtoohey@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.

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