



## Relay For Life of the Windham Area Opening Ceremony & Survivor Lap—Sat., Oct. 17 at 11:00 AM

Dear Cancer Survivor,

The 2009 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of the Windham Area will take place on Oct. 17 & 18, 2009 at the ECSU Sports Complex which is part of the Eastern CT State University in Willimantic, CT. On behalf of the American Cancer Society and the Planning Committee, we would like to invite you to take part in the survivorship activities at this year's Relay.

The Relay will begin at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 with the official Opening Ceremony and Survivor's Lap. Survivors will walk the first lap immediately following the Opening Ceremony at 11:30am. Please join fellow survivors from your community and lead the Relay participants in a celebration of life. The Survivor Registration Area will open at approximately 10:30 am and we invite you, our honored guests, to stop by before the Opening Ceremonies to pick-up your gift and have your picture taken. After the survivor's lap, we will hold a special reception at the Survivor Tent for survivors and their caregivers where we will offer a variety of food, fun activities and camaraderie. We owe our deep thanks for these events to our wonderful sponsor - Windham Hospital.

At 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, the Luminary Ceremony will take place. The lights at the track will be turned off and a moment of silence will be observed as the luminaria bags encircling the track are lit dedicated to those we know who are survivors of cancer and those we have lost to this dreadful disease.

**Please go to our website at <http://www.relayforlife.org/rwindhamct> and click on "for cancer survivors and caregivers" tab on the left hand menu. This will lead you to information and a form that you can fill out to register for the event.** You can also purchase luminaria on the website. If for any reason you do not have access to a computer but would like to register and participate, please call Joyce Burdick at 860-423-8839 or Shannon Stahecki at 1-800-270-9199, press 3 at the voice mail prompt (860-885-6307 – direct line) or [shannon.stahecki@cancer.org](mailto:shannon.stahecki@cancer.org). These people will be glad to take your information over the phone. Thank you so much for allowing us to honor you at our event. We are looking forward to sharing this celebration of life with you.

Thank you,

Chris Latialle – Santiago & Jessie Shea  
Relay For Life of the Windham Area Chairpersons