

Health Honchos Ready For Action

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The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. It began in 1985 in Tacoma, Washington when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a surgeon and local American Cancer Society volunteer, ran and walked on a local track for 24 hours, by himself, and raised \$27,000 to fight cancer. Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's signature activity, was born out of Dr. Klatt's dedication and perseverance. Oklahoma City-County Health Department's team, the Health Honchos, will be participating for the first time in Oklahoma City's Relay June 17 and 18 at Heritage Hall Stadium.

Our team members include Travis Brown, Environmental Health Inspector, Barbara Baumeister, Laboratory Supervisor, JoAnn Wagner, RN, Environmental/Day Care Inspector, Gail Sievert, Staff Epidemiologist, Barbara Boggs, Social Worker, Candy Cernigliaro, Central Oklahoma SWAT Coordinator, and Charlotte Bell, RN, Health Educator. It is not too late for others to join our team, and we welcome additional members. Call Charlotte Bell at 425-4312 for information about how to become a Health Honcho.

During the coming months prior to the Relay, we will be conducting team fund raising activities such as Blue Jeans' Days, selling "In Memory Of" moons and "In Honor Of" suns for \$1 each, collecting and selling aluminum cans from the second and third floor break rooms, as well as individual team members' donation collections.

The suns and moons are displayed on the walls outside the elevators in the third floor lobby. Luminarias can be purchased for \$5.00 each and will be lighted during the Luminaria Ceremony which will begin at 10:00 pm on June 17, 2005 at Heritage Hall Stadium. The luminarias represent those lost to cancer, those still fighting, and those who have beaten the disease. Contact any team member for more information about donation opportunities.