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Summary: The University of Minnesota, Morris will host its first annual Relay for Life event beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, April 18, and continuing all night to 6 a.m. Saturday, April 19, on the UMM Mall and in Oyate Hall.

(April 14, 2008)—By Jesh Livstrom '10, Roseville—The University of Minnesota, Morris will host its first annual Relay for Life event beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, April 18, and continuing all night to 6 a.m. Saturday, April 19, on the UMM Mall and in Oyate Hall. Although the campus event is set for an earlier date than the off-campus Relay for Life so that students and others who traditionally leave at academic year’s end may participate, everyone is encouraged to participate, to join teams and to raise funds prior to the event.

Donations can be given in honor and/or in memory of those whose lives have been affected by cancer. There will also be opportunities to make further monetary, as well as social, contributions at the actual event.

The Relay for Life is to remind people of the challenges of cancer, to celebrate individual triumphs, and in general to continue a legacy of fighting back. The ultimate goal is to raise awareness and generate hope.

The UMM chapter of the American Cancer Society (ACS)—Students Against Cancer—was established just this year as part of a national movement. The chapter is responsible for sponsoring, organizing and executing the event. Students from multiple backgrounds and allegiances, however, are contributing their time and effort as well.

All money raised will be donated directly to the American Cancer Society where it will be allocated to the fight against cancer. Many cancer patients are dependent on assistance from ACS to help them pay their medical bills. ACS also builds Hope Lodges, therapeutic dwellings for the patients and their families and funds the majority of cancer treatment research.

UMM student Ashley Corbett, of Students Against Cancer, commented: “This event is one that crosses all borders—everyone is touched by cancer in some way or another and everyone can contribute to this. There are cancer survivors, including students, faculty and staff, walking among us every day on this campus. This event will open our eyes to that, let us hear some of their stories and see this campus come together for one effort, undivided.”

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