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**City Employees Receive Awards for  
Relay for Life Participation**



SUFFOLK, Virginia (September 29, 2008) This year marks the first that City of Suffolk employees have participated as a team in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event held this past May.

Always ready for a challenge, the team walked away with top honors in several categories. City employees hit the track at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy for the entire duration of the event, with volunteers walking, jogging or running continuously from 6 pm Friday night through 6 am Saturday morning.

Through pledge donations, bake sales, “Jeans Days” and other activities, employees raised over \$4,000 in the fight against cancer and received the award for the **Highest Fundraising – Civic/Health/Government Team**. With a patriotic theme, including bunting, flags and red, white and blue lights festively illuminating the field, City employees also won for the **Best Decorated Campsite**.

The City of Suffolk Team was lead by Co-Chairs Lakita Frazier, Director of Parks & Recreation, and Kevin Hughes, Economic Development Manager. The Leader for the Decorating Committee, Diana Klink of the City's Media & Community Relations Department, was personally touched by this year's campaign, as she found out the afternoon of "Relay for Life" that she had been diagnosed with two malignant melanomas, or skin cancers, that would require surgery. Klink said that by attending the evening's event she was "Overwhelmed by the outpouring of hope, support and generosity as community members came together to celebrate, remember and fight back together. You realize that you are not fighting this battle alone."

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