



Dear Coaches, Managers and families of Cecil Soccer Club,

The American Cancer Society is challenging you to help us in the fight against cancer by raising funds during the month of April. Cecil County has two signature Relay For Life events where hundreds of survivors, caregivers and volunteers come together to celebrate life, remember lost loved ones and fight back against this disease that has touched so many. Each Relay starts with a Survivor and Caregiver lap to give hope to those newly diagnosed and to prove to Relayers that we are making a difference by the increase of their numbers. At dusk, we have a Luminaria Ceremony where we light candles in bags that are decorated in Honor and in Memory of people touched by cancer. It is an overwhelming emotional time of night to see how many people have been touched by this disease. Throughout the rest of the evening, we have themed laps, entertainment, and activities to have FUN!

This year, the American Cancer Society partnered with Union Hospital to start a Cancer Resource Center in Suite 101 of the Medical Arts Building. They have informational brochures, free wigs, and caring volunteers when you need someone to talk to. It is also where the Look Good Feel Better Program happens. This program is basically a free make over session for women going through the side effects of treatment. Union also hosts "I CAN COPE", which is a support group for cancer patients, survivors and their families because cancer affects the whole family not just the patient.

We are asking each team to become part of our cancer fighting family. Each team that raises \$250 or more will receive purple soccer socks to be worn on May 4-5 weekend. The Relay For Life of Elkton is having a Purple Block Party on Main Street on May 3rd from 3-8pm. We invite you to come out and listen to the entertainment, take part in the "painting" of the sidewalk, tying a ribbon on the Tree of Hope, and visit the different team's tables. A new art piece will be unveiled this night that will be staying until September. There is also a Jail and Bail set up. You could help bail out Kathy Kunda or one of the many other inmates. You will notice the purple ribbons throughout the county as we spread the HOPE of Relay. That is why we want to spread the "purpleness" to you!

Thank you for helping us this year. If you would like to get more involved, please check out our Relay websites listed below. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. For support with cancer, please call 1-800-ACS-2345.

Sincerely,

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Relay For Life of Elkton  
May 31-June 1, 2013  
5pm- 6 am  
Elkton High School  
[relayforlife.org/elktonmd](http://relayforlife.org/elktonmd)

Relay For Life of North East  
September 7, 2013  
Noon- 8 pm  
NE United Methodist Church  
[relayforlife.org/northeastmd](http://relayforlife.org/northeastmd)