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Dexter, Missouri – Each year hundreds of Relay for Life events are held all over this great nation to help those who are battling cancer. The 2014 Stoddard County Relay held their annual event the first weekend of May and surpassed their set goal of \$75,000 by more than \$4,000. Total raised wasdrum roll please.....\$79,119.62!!!

Any outdoor event could have potential weather issues and this was the second year in a row they moved the event. Last year thunderstorms and rain moved the event indoors to the Park Lane gym. This year the rains came prior to the event a decision was made to move from West Park to East Park. This proved to be an excellent decision with ample parking and paved areas many came out to help make the event successful.

The paved walking loop was lined with luminarias making the honorary Survivor's Lap quite emotional for many. Amy Ellinghouse was lifted high above taking photos from the top of the bucket truck!

Many activities and foods were available for supporters to enjoy. One the most entertaining event is the annual Miss Relay where gentleman dress as ladies and beg for donations. Always fun to watch those fellows strut their stuff!

The 'Coolest Campsite and Theme" award went to two great teams, SoutheastHEALTH of Stoddard County and the Stoddard County Health Coalition.

Liberty Hill Church was recognized for having raised the most money as a team contributing \$18,102.31.

Real Estate Rock Stars and the Bowlers Against Cancer Teams won the “Team Spirit Award”.

“Most Outstanding New Team at Relay” went to the Southwest Elementary School. They raised \$8,099.04. Way to go Southwest!

Carrillo’s Martial Arts Studio’s Kick-Thong brought in \$6,901.25. General donations totals \$2,348.25 and Luminaria bags brought in \$805.

A list of teams and their donations are listed below:

Liberty Hill - \$18,102.31, Central Cats - \$9,083.62, Southwest Elementary - \$8,099.04, Rebel Warriors - \$5,269, Real Estate Rock Stars - \$4,001, Bowlers Against Cancer (BAC) - \$3,981.66, Four Oaks Hospice - \$3,293.71, Health Nutz -- \$2,942.72, Faith Lutheran - \$2,571, SoutheastHEALTH - \$2,159.53, Carmode Family - \$1,999, Stoddard County Health Coalition - \$1,655, Faurecia - \$1,315.50, KDEX - \$1,000, Spark of Hope - \$875, Country Hope - \$870, Tyson Foods - \$769.03, Webfoot - \$607, and Walgreens - \$446.

The 2015 Relay for Life event is already in the planning stage so get your teams ready. The Planning Committee has decided to host the event at East Park on May 1st, so mark your calendar!

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