



### **Canadians Invited to 'Move and Be Moved' with the Return of In-person Relay For Life Events to Support and Honour People Affected by Cancer**

On Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> the Canadian Cancer Society **Relay For Life**, an annual event that brings together communities across the country to change the future of cancer, will safely welcome participants at various in-person events across Canada, including residents of Durham Region. *Relay For Life Durham* – a merger of the *Relay For Life Clarington* and *Oshawa* events – welcomes the Pedal for Hope Durham team to their opening ceremonies this year.

Following two years of a virtual format, this year's in-person events will reignite a sense of belonging, camaraderie, and hope that *Relay For Life* has brought to participating communities for more than 20 years. Attendees will 'Move and Be Moved' as they take turns making their way around a track to raise funds while honouring and remembering all those affected by cancer.

An estimated 2 in 5 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. People with cancer need support more than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact and delay cancer diagnoses and treatments. By supporting the Canadian Cancer Society's commitment to ground-breaking research of more than 100 types of cancers, working with governments to shape a healthier society, and creating a compassionate national support system, *Relay For Life* participants directly impact and improve the lives of people living with and beyond cancer.

Open to all ages, this year's *Relay For Life* will incorporate time-honoured components including an opening ceremony with inspiring testimonials, the first lap to honour Participants of Hope, and a Luminary Ceremony to honour and remember loved ones.

The Canadian Cancer Society is committed to following all public health guidelines and recommendations to protect people living with cancer, as well as all other event attendees, volunteers, employees, and supporters.

For more information or to register for the event, visit [www.relayforlife.ca/durham](http://www.relayforlife.ca/durham)

*Relay For Life Durham* will be taking place at Clarington Central Secondary School, 200 Clarington Blvd., Bowmanville, on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.