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Fox Valley Young Professionals Network Group Supports the ACS Relay for Life

The Fox Valley Young Professionals Networking Group (FVYP) joined forces with the American Cancer Society to raise over \$1,800 for the Kane County Relay for Life held on June 24-25. The FVYP brings together young professionals from all over the Fox Valley for networking and community service activities.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours in length.

The Kane County Relay for Life was held in late June at the Kane County Cougar Stadium in Geneva. Over 79 teams, with 900 people participating, raised over \$264,000. This all-night (6:00pm to 6:00am) event is part of a global phenomenon of 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities across the world that raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer.

“Many members of our group have been personally impacted by cancer, so creating a team was an easy decision. I truly enjoyed the camaraderie that was created through this event. Even though each of us are young and moving in so many different directions, we were able to come together for a common cause and grow our relationships while benefiting our community, and the world with this event. In the end, that’s what the FVYP group is all about,” said Julie Kotalik, Special Projects Coordinator for Batavia Enterprises, Inc. (BEI) and Team Captain for the 8 member FVYP team that raised over \$1800.

If you would like to find out more or are interested in joining the Fox Valley Young Professionals Group, please call Alex Carsi at 630-715-0519

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Photo, left to right: Relay For Life Team Members Jamie Saam, Shawn Lewandowski, Alex Carsi, Robin Chapel, Carolyn Russell, and Team Captain Julie Kotalik. (Not pictured: Parker Dunning or Adam Tiltz)