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The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Stoddard County, set to begin at [4:00 pm, May 4th through 12:01 am, at East City Park in Dexter](#), is a celebration of cancer survivorship and a fun way to raise the vital funds needed to help find a cure for cancer. The event will celebrate the lives of so many local residents who have survived cancer, while offering the hope of finding a cure.

Anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers are encouraged to join the celebration. “The Opening Ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm with a survivors’ lap where cancer survivors and their caregivers will take a victory lap around the track. The involvement of local cancer survivors is proof of the progress that has been made in improving cancer survival rates and the quality of life following cancer treatment,” said Belinda Worley, Relay For Life Event Lead. A candlelight ceremony also takes place to honor cancer survivors and remember those who lost the fight against this disease. The candle lighting will begin Friday night at approximately 10:30 pm, luminaria bags for the ceremony can be purchased at the event.

Relay For Life of Stoddard County is a community event where teams and individuals come together to honor, celebrate, and raise funds and awareness in an effort to free the

world from the pain and suffering of cancer. Money raised will help the American Cancer Society provide free information and support for people facing the disease today, and fund cancer research that will help protect future generations.

This year, We are Attacking Cancer. A full agenda of entertainment is planned, including music, team fundraising activities, fun theme laps and contests all night long. Relay For Life is a handicapped-accessible event.

Relay For Life of Stoddard County would also like to invite all survivors to join us as we celebrate life at our annual Cancer Survivors Dinner. The dinner honoring local survivors will be held on **Monday, April 30th at the Bloomfield Assembly of God in Bloomfield, MO.**

Doors will open at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

Survivors and a guest are invited to join us for dinner, entertainment, and door prizes.

Please RSVP to Hillary Starnes, Survivor Chair by calling (573) 624-7458.

You may also register as a cancer survivor online at **www.relayforlife.org/stoddardcomo**.

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