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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Carrie Otto of Chillicothe, Ill., a sophomore political science major at Illinois Wesleyan University, is promoting Relay for Life to students on the IWU Campus. Illinois State University will host the event, an overnight fundraiser for the American Cancer Society (ACS), on its quadrangle from 6 p.m. on Friday, April 21, to 6 a.m. on Saturday, April 22.

The event is designed to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors while financially supporting the life-saving efforts of the ACS. Each participant will be encouraged to raise at least \$100.

At the relay, teams of eight to 15 people will take turns walking or running laps around the perimeter of the quad in an effort to keep at least one team member on the track at all times throughout the night. "Cancer doesn't sleep, so neither do we," Otto said.

While team members are not on the track, they can participate in other activities, including ultimate frisbee, rock climbing and karaoke, which, along with other sports and games, will take place on the quad.

Relay for Life began in Tacoma, Wash., as the City of Destiny Classic 24-Hour Run Against Cancer. The first relay, held in 1986, raised more than \$33,000. In 2005, Relay for Life events were held in more than 20 countries throughout North America, South America, Europe and Asia.

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