



Redmond Steps up to Support Relay for Life

A team event to fight cancer.

Relay for life has been working for over 20 years to fight cancer by remembering those who have battled it, creating hope for those who face it, and hopefully one day, help eliminate it.

This 24-hour event takes place in thousands of cities across America. Each participating community's teams gather at a track and the team members take turns walking and running around the track, keeping one team member on the track at all times.

Redmond is a corporate sponsor of Rome's Relay for Life this year and is getting teams together to participate.

The event is taking place May 15-16 at Ridge Ferry Park and will begin at 6:00 Friday evening and end Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. to be followed by the Relay Car Show.

Festivities will begin Friday evening and last throughout the night. While the relay is progressing, there will be plenty of entertainment including food, music and fun. There will also be booths set up by various organizations. The theme this year is the 50s and each booth will be decorated to match. Redmond will have booths offering information on various types of cancer and has a fun theme in mind so be on the look out for Redmond's booth!

At dark the luminary session will take place. The track will be lined with luminaries that each honor someone who has fought or is fighting cancer. This will be a time of honoring and remembering all cancer patients.

There are currently several Redmond teams signed up. Each team member will raise money to donate to the cause. There are also



Relay for Life 2009
May 15-16, 6 p.m to 7 a.m.
Ridge Ferry Park

many fundraisers going on within the hospital including t-shirt sales, raffles and jeans days.

Last year Redmond was able to raise around \$10,000 to donate to Relay for Life and we are hoping to match that again this year!

We would love for everyone to take part in this excellent event. If you would like to join or start a team call Lisa Dempsey on the 5th floor. You can also come out to watch the relay, cheer on the teams and enjoy the festivities. Hope to see you there!



Above: Joe Gleason, Director of Therapy Services and dance partner, Avery Callan dance the Jitterbug at Redmond's 2009 Relay for Life Kick-off



Artery Explorer to Visit Redmond

May 1st 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.

Redmond Regional Front Parking Lot



On May 1st Redmond will be hosting the Artery Explorer in the front parking lot of the hospital. Come Take a virtual tour in the Artery Explorer –a mobile motion simulator –to learn about atherosclerosis, a silent disease that is linked to nearly one in four deaths in the US.

The Artery Explorer was created to help people understand the potential dangers of atherosclerosis, the risk factors, and what they can do about it.

The Artery Explorer will be here from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Friday, May 1st. Additional activities will be taking place at the event including a Redmond Ambulance on Display, information about AngioScreens, and information about the Redmond Family Care Centers. Make sure to come out to this exciting event and invite your family and friends!

USAGAINSTATHERO is a nationwide effort to raise awareness of atherosclerosis –the progressive buildup of plaque in the walls of the arteries.

Save the Dates...



- May 1-29– Employee Engagement Survey
- May 6-12– Nurse’s Week
- May 10-16– Hospital Week
- May 10– Hospital Week Picnic
- May 11- Cancer Support 6 p.m. CR A
- May 12– Blessing of the Hands
- May 13– Hospital Week Picnic
- May 14– Compassionate Friends 7 p.m. CR B
- May 15-16– Relay for Life, Ridge Ferry Park
- May 17-23- EMS Week
- May 18- Bosom Buddies 6 p.m. CR B
- May 25– Memorial Day
- May 28– Employee Forum

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Redmond Team on yet another excellent accomplishment! Because of our excellent employee participation in receiving the 2009 Flu Vaccination, we have received recognition from Joint Commission Resources. A special thanks goes out to everyone who received their annual flu shot. See the letter of congratulations below:



Dear Flu Vaccination Challenge Participant,

CONGRATULATIONS on your achievement! You have successfully met the 2008-09 Flu Vaccination Challenge by exceeding the National Average of 42%. Attached, please find a certificate to recognize this accomplishment.

Look for additional information summarizing our results, as well as information on the 2009-10 Flu Vaccination Challenge, by visiting our website at www.FluVaccinationChallenge.com.

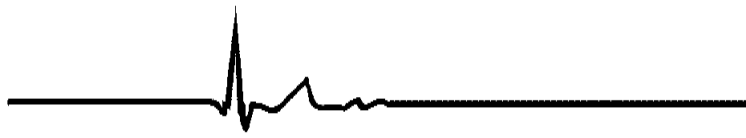
Sincerely,

*Gina T. LaMantia, MS, MEd
Manager, Audio/Web Conferences
Joint Commission Resources*

Nurse's Week Reception

The Nurses' Week Awards reception will be held Thursday, May 7 from 2-3:30 pm in the classrooms. Awards will be presented to the Nurse Director of the Year, Professionalism in Nursing and HEART of Nursing. Refreshments will be provided and Fay Ellen Steelnack will be playing the harp.

Redmond has over 500 RN's and LPN's throughout Redmond which also includes over half of the departments at Redmond. We are excited about this time to honor such a vital part of our Redmond family.



Redmond Earns Three-Year Approval for Cancer Care

The Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) has granted Three-Year Approval with Commendation to the Cancer Program at Redmond Regional Medical Center.

A facility receives a Three-Year Approval with Commendation following the on-site evaluation by a physician surveyor during which the facility demonstrates a Commendation level of compliance with one or more standards that represent the full scope of the cancer program (cancer committee leadership, cancer data management, clinical services, research, community outreach and quality improvement.) In addition a facility receives a compliance rating for all other standards.

Receiving care at a CoC-approved cancer program such as Redmond's ensures that a patient will have access to:

- Comprehensive care, including a range of state of the art services and equipment
- A multispecialty, team approach to coordinate the best treatment options
- Information about ongoing clinical trials and new treatment options
- Access to cancer-related information, education and support
- A cancer registry that collects data on type and stage of cancers and treatment results and offers lifelong patient follow-up
- Ongoing monitoring and improvement of care
- Quality care close to home

The American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that more than 1.4 million cases of cancer will be diagnosed in 2008. There are currently more than 1400 CoC-approved cancer program in the US and Puerto Rico, representing close to 25 percent of all hospitals. This 25 percent of hospitals diagnose and/or treat 80 percent of newly diagnosed cancer patients each year. In addition, a national network of more than 1600 volunteer Cancer Liaison Physicians provides leadership and support for the CoC Approvals Program and other CoC activities at these local facilities.



Let Your Voice Be Heard

2009 Employee Engagement Survey



 **May 1 – May 29**

www.HCAsurveys.com
Phone: (800) 207-3580

Individual responses kept confidential by Foresight, the outside company conducting the survey for HCA



Spring is Here!

In celebration of the arrival of Spring and its warm weather, the Employee Advisory Group has placed several new picnic tables around the Redmond campus! These tables are located along the railroad tracks and the employee entrance. We hope everyone will be able to get outside and enjoy these new tables during their lunch and break times.



Kidz Corner



Congratulations to the Following:

- Jacob Cole, son of Telena and Morgan Cole, on his upcoming graduation from UGA. Jacob will graduate with a degree in Public Relations on May 9th. He plans to stay in Athens and attend graduate school in the fall.
- Elizabeth Haynes, daughter of Greg and Deede Culberson Rehab, for making the Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Team.
- Cal Callaway, son of Clay Callaway, on his recent graduation from Kennesaw Mountain High School.
- Molly Maddox, daughter of Julie Maddox, will be graduating from Georgia Southern University with her BS in exercise science and she is staying in school to work on her Masters. She has played on the tennis team all four years.
- Zackery Dentmon will be graduating summa cum laude from Mercer University on May 16th, 2009. He will receive dual degrees in Mathematics and Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology. Zackery is the son of Larry Dentmon, Plant Operations, and Lawren Dentmon, OR Systems Analyst.
- Nicholas Mitchell, son of Wendi and Robby Corn, signed with Shorter College for fall of '09, to play football.
- Alyssa Eubanks, daughter of Selena and Jimmy Tate, will be graduating from Coosa High School in May.
- Congratulations to Hannah Early, daughter of Melanie Early OPS for her induction into the Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society at Jacksonville State University.
- Beth Brock, daughter of Krystal Waits of 2nds floor, made her Middle School Cheerleading Squad.

Accomplishments

- Third floor welcomes Belinda Pruitt, RN, Debbie Highfield, and Kim McGuire, our new Vascular/Neuro Case Manager.
- Michelle Thompson on her upcoming graduation from Nursing School from Georgia Highlands on May 15th, 2009.
- Laura Williams, Mandy Henson and Brandy Roden of Radiology recently graduated from Coosa Valley Technical College receiving their Radiologic Technology Degrees. Between the three, they received 3 of the 4 awards given that night for either achievement or recognition. Congratulations to our talented Radiology Department!
- Susan Mason of the laboratory for receiving her Medical Technologist Certification

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Buy, Sell, or Trade:

- **For Sale:** Entertainment center approximately three years old with dark wood finish. Holds 27-32 inch TV and has display shelves down the sides and double doors at the bottom. \$75. Contact Sherry at 706-252-1584.
- **Free to a Good Home:** 2 adult indoor cats, one Calico low maintenance, one Mancoon very affectionate. Call 706-802-3286.
- **For Sale:** 2003 Coleman Utah Camper in excellent condition, \$7500. Call 706-234-5541.
- **For Rent:** Single level ranch 3 /4 BR 2 BA home located in Shorter College neighborhood. Includes gas fireplace, CHA, Kitchen Appliances, Security System, Large Living Room and Den, Ample Parking Space, attached Garage, screened porch with grill and backyard. \$675/ month, \$400 deposit. One year lease. Call John Fox 706-235-9686.
- **Wanted to Buy:** Top prices for gold and silver coins-silver dollars, old large currency bills, etc. Interested in most anything with numismatic value. Call Willie at 706-232-7082.

Condolences:



Sympathy is extended to:

- Shelia Reuter on the loss of her brother, William Quinton Reed who passed away March 23.
- Joy Hatcher on the loss of her father, Charles Bobby Guest.



Births:

Congratulations to the following:

- Dr. Jagdeep Singh of Redmond Family Care at Cedartown on the birth of his son, Avi, born March 24. Avi weighed 7 lbs 7 ounces at birth and was 21 inches long.
- Heath and Jill King on the birth of their daughter, Emma Catherine King born March 31, 2009.
- Karen Smith on the birth of her granddaughter, Elliot Gwen Smith born March 10th. Elliot's parents are Jon and Stephanie Smith.

Weddings

Congratulation to Jody Pledger of 3rd floor on her recent marriage to Norman Hood.

