

GLOBAL RELAY FOR LIFE

Global Relay For Life celebrates survivors, remembers loved ones lost and mobilizes communities to take a stand against cancer.

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When the Cancer Association of South Africa was given the “gift” of Relay For Life 13 years ago, no one thought this event would unite our nation in the fight against cancer—and provide such a strong platform for advocating against a disease that is affecting

1 out of 4 South Africans.

Relay For Life has created the opportunity for our cancer survivors to celebrate their lives and for all of us to stand as one—
TOGETHER WE CAN!

— Maria Scholtz, Head Sustainability, Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSO)



PARTICIPANTS IN MALAYSIA

STORIES OF PARTICIPANTS

MALAYSIA
DALJIT SINGH



Six years as a survivor; 9 years as a caregiver to my wife, who had stomach cancer. I became involved in Relay For Life in 2005 as a volunteer at the event in Penang Malaysia. I have been a committee member and chair for the Luminaria for the last three years, along with my wife who is the Co-chair for survivors and Chair for team recruitment. It has been a very rewarding journey altogether.

A quarter of a million cancer survivors walked the track at their local Relay For Life in 2017

REGION

THE AMERICAS

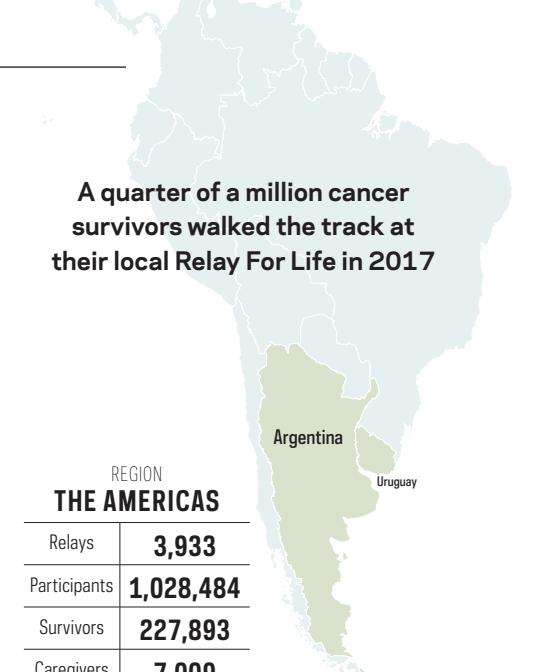
Relays	3,933
Participants	1,028,484
Survivors	227,893
Caregivers	7,009
Luminaria*	5,446

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Global Relay For Life countries and numbers within continents, 2017



PARTICIPANTS IN UNITED KINGDOM



REGION

AFRICA

REGION	EUROPE
Relays	199
Participants	203,029
Survivors	12,269
Caregivers	1,248
Luminaria*	197,199



PARTICIPANTS IN PORTUGAL

REGION	AFRICA
Relays	70
Participants	39,451
Survivors	5,029
Caregivers	3,728
Luminaria*	42,142



PARTICIPANTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

STORIES OF PARTICIPANTS

DENMARK

STINE HENRIKSEN



I live in Sorø, Denmark and have met cancer from both sides. Ten years ago, I lost my sister to cancer. A few years later, I was diagnosed with the same type of cancer. That left me in an indefinable state of gratitude—had it not been for my sister's death, I probably would not have survived. When I came across Relay For Life, it immediately made sense, simply because of the solidarity that lies in the 24-hour event. My approach to Relay For Life is that every single participant should go home feeling part of a larger whole. In Relay For Life, we celebrate life!



PARTICIPANTS IN PORTUGAL

REGION	ASIA
Relays	56
Participants	45,949
Survivors	5,798
Caregivers	31,718
Luminaria*	46,567



PARTICIPANTS IN ZAMBIA



PARTICIPANTS IN PORTUGAL

REGION	AUSTRALASIA
Relays	167
Participants	92,658
Survivors	7,457
Caregivers	6,517
Luminaria*	29,636



PARTICIPANTS IN AUSTRALIA

STORIES OF PARTICIPANTS

AUSTRALIA
SUE KING



In 2005 I founded my team, the “Ridgley Rascals” from my small community of Ridgley, Tasmania. In 2012 I was diagnosed with breast cancer, which gave me a whole different feel for the Relay. The compassion, friendship, support and love I received from so many people at the Relay brought me to tears many times. I was experiencing the Relay through different eyes. I finally really understood what it was all about, and how all those survivors and their families felt about the Relay. I love it with a passion.

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The world's largest fundraiser, Relay For Life attracted nearly 1.3 million participants in 2017.