



PAMET NorCal Relay for Life celebrates cancer survivors, lost loved ones and raises fund to find a cure

RELAY FOR LIFE OF PETALUMA

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“ WISH UPON A CURE”

“ If you keep on believing, the dream that you wish will come true.” - Cinderella

As a new PAMET Officer, I had the privilege to be the Team Captain and head one of our organization’s community service...the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. I must say that after attending all the meetings, I became more passionate, energized and committed to fundraising, cancer awareness and making Relay fun is a wonderful experience. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life movement is the world’s largest fundraising event to end cancer uniting communities across the globe to fight back against the disease. Our PAMET NorCal theme took part in this 24-hour event walking the track at Casa Grande High School held on August 26, 2017.

As first time individual participant, my goal is to raise over \$1000 and our PAMET NorCal Team’s initial goal is \$2000. I got recognized

with the Grand Club level certificate for exceeding the \$1000 fundraising milestone and our PAMET NorCal team received the Silver Fundraising Club Level for reaching \$3,856.00 fundraising efforts. I would like to thank all our friends, families, KP San Rafael and KP Vacaville who contributed and supported us on this amazing event.



PAMET Booth - Disney Movie “UP”

On the morning of the event, PAMET officers - Jun, Dan, Eloisa, Alan, Maxi, Marian and Jela all

came to help me set-up our booth and canopy tent. I would also like to acknowledge our PAMET supporters for their help and contributions in making it a very successful event - Ray & Marie Medina, Zita Nepacena, Regie & Maribel Cabatuando, Alex & Sarah Tan, Portia Diaz, Queenie Nunez, Remy Solis, Daisy Lagmay, Remy Solis, Lhynn Bachman, Malou Delacruz, Dr. John Kunkel, Margaret Mak and Judy Labrucherie.



This year, the Relay for Life of Petaluma theme is “Disney’s Wish Upon a Cure”. Our booth was decorated with a lot of balloons, miniature house and banner from

the movie "UP". We also have flyers for Breast Cancer Awareness. It is not just about celebration; each campsite wants to educate the public on several types of cancer.



Dan Dominguez with KPSRF supporters

The opening ceremony welcomes Relay participants then typically starts with the Survivors' lap where survivors and people currently affected by cancer walk the track. Next on the track is the Caregiver lap to recognize those who provided support to their loved ones during their cancer treatment followed by all the teams to begin the celebration. My kids Will, Josh, Ginelle and I walked in honor of my Mom and Dad who both died with cancer. When not walking, participants visit team campsites to participate in games, activities and live music entertainment. We also had our PAMET monthly meeting during the festivities to talk about future projects.



My daughter Ginelle helping our team by selling lemonade during the 90-degree heat that day.



PAMET'S Monthly Meeting

PAMET team raised more funds by selling lumpiang shanghai (eggrolls), turon (fried banana), pansit (noodle), chips, lemonade, water and agua fresca donated by PAMET NorCal, Evelyn Ramos and Sarah Tolosa. We added \$285.00 from food sales to our fundraising goal.



Lhyn, Gina, Portia, Ray, Helen, Maribel & Sarah

PAMET Team joined the Main street USA Parade of Teams few hours after we held our PAMET monthly meeting followed by the Luminary Ceremony at night where hundreds of paper bag luminarias pay tribute to cancer survivors or honor the memory of those taken by the disease. The next day, the Closing ceremony wrapped up the event to recognize the volunteers, the hard work of the community and to remind us that we will continue to participate in Relay for Life to fightback cancer. This event is truly amazing because each year people come together to experience sadness, hope, strength and courage.



