



Lauren Harrison photo

Cancer survivors will be honoured again during this year's Relay for Life at Christ the King in Georgetown.

YOUTH-RUN RELAY FOR LIFE RETURNS TO CTK JUNE 1

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Plans are in full swing for this year's installment of the Relay for Life at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School.

The fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society, which sees team members take turns walking all night long in the name of charity, is set to kick off at 7 p.m. on June 1 at the Guelph Street school.

The event is headed up by former Christ the King (CtK) student Lauren Harrison, who personally took over the initiative last year

following the Halton Catholic District School Board's decision to ban donations to charities they feel don't align with Catholic values. Despite the board's verdict, Harrison was still able to secure the CtK field as the event venue.

"I love how this Relay for Life is youth-run, for youth," she said. "Our goal again this year is \$80,000, but we believe this relay will be bigger and better than the last."

So far, 61 teams have registered and more than \$12,000 in donations have been received, with this number expected to climb dramatically as the date

gets closer, said Harrison.

For the ambitious local teen, fundraising for cancer also holds personal meaning.

"I know a lot of people in my family who've passed away from cancer or survived cancer," she said. "I just think if everyone focused really hard on making a difference in the fight against cancer, it wouldn't be a scary thing anymore."

Registration deadline for the relay is May 24. Local residents can also participate as volunteers, adult supervisors or cancer survivors. To sign up or for more information, visit relayforlife.ca/georgetownyouth.



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