Relay for Life re-launching Markham, Stouffville event

Relay for Life is headed back to the Markham and Stouffville area.

Proceeds from this year's event, to be held June 21 at Markham Museum, will fund cancer research and provide support and information for people living with cancer, their caregivers, family and friends.

Last year, more than 300 participants at Relay For Life for all of South York Region raised more than $87,000.

The Markham Fairgounds and Willowgrove in Whitchurch-Stouffville have also hosted the event.

"(It's) such is a life-altering experience for many who attend and has had such a huge impact on the community," said Laura Parsons, fundraising co-ordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society's South York Region Unit.

You can speak to cancer survivors, volunteers and relay participants from Markham and Stouffville at the launch of the event tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs room of Loblaws at McCowan Road and Bullock Drive.

Survivor Adrian Sarracini, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma at age 17, will share his story. He has been in remission since Dec. 31, 2009.

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Relay For Life is a non-competitive, 12-hour overnight fundraising event that brings you and your community together to celebrate life and fight cancer. Relay For Life has a festival-like atmosphere that your family, friends and co-workers can enjoy. Visit relayforlife.ca to register a team, raise funds as a participant or donate.

For more information go to cancer.ca or call 905-709-4978.