



Each week, 13 residents of Columbia and Greene counties are diagnosed with cancer.

Our assistance to friends and neighbors is possible because of your support and commitment.

The American Cancer Society has assisted persons affected by cancer living in Columbia and Greene counties over the last 12 months...

- o By providing financial assistance to 44 residents. This assistance has included mileage reimbursement to and from treatment appointments, co-pay assistance for pain medication, respite assistance, and other needs.
- o By providing a connection to hope to 16 breast cancer survivors through our Reach to Recovery program. Newly diagnosed women are paired with survivors who have experienced similar situations - *a connection unlike any other!* They also receive a kit filled with information so they can face this experience with a better understanding and increased confidence. We hold a monthly Reach to Recovery Support Group every month in Hudson where women receive social and emotional support and attend educational programs.
- o By showing 17 ladies who attended a Look Good...Feel Better sessions how to address the cosmetic affects of treatment. They each received a free make-up and skin care kit valued at \$250.
- o By giving 20 women free wigs from our wig program.
- o By providing 41 Personal Health Managers to newly diagnosed individuals since September 2007. This tool is handy in organizing treatment-related information and for use in keeping your *entire* health care team informed of your progress.
- o By assisting 198 county residents with information through our toll-free number. These persons received diagnosis-specific information, learned of ACS services, or utilized our community resource database to learn of various local and national resources to help with cancer-specific needs.

This is a fight we cannot take on alone and win.

Your participation in Relay for Life is one way you can continue your support and commitment as we strive to make a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer and to work hard in eliminating its threat.

THANKS AGAIN FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

To learn what the future holds...turn over



Now your American Cancer Society developed an even greater local presence...

- o American Cancer Society staff are in the New York Oncology Hematology office in Hudson twice monthly providing Personal Health Managers, one-on-one support and information, and referrals to various community resources.
- o We have organized a monthly workshop series dealing with the Financial & Legal Aspects of Cancer. Speakers dealing with topics like *Maximizing your Health Care Benefits, Financing Treatment, Cancer in the Workplace, Social Security and SSI Benefits, Permanency Planning* - all share information to help lessen the economic and legal burdens of this disease.