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Youth Philanthropy Award

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Relay for Life, WCU Student Committee of West Chester



Advised by West Chester University faculty member Dave Timmann and American Cancer Society staff member Julia Bonfante, the dedicated and talented group of students on West Chester University's 2008 Relay for Life Committee succeeded in bringing together the student population, University employees, and the community to raise money and awareness for the local American Cancer Society. Relay for Life is a community activity in which everyone can participate to help the fight against cancer. The event

included survivors, speakers, entertainment and a luminary event in which "hope" was spelled out in white lights. The involvement of community teams provides an exceptional opportunity for interaction between campus and community members. The efforts paid off and participation increased from 500 in 2007 to 685 in 2008, raising \$63,000 to support cancer research.