

WILSON COUNTY CONNECTION

Lebanon Mt. Juliet Watertown



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A Word From Your County Mayor Randall Hutto



August-it marks the end of Summer and the beginning of the school year. This year, it's a month of bittersweet emotions. As the Wilson County Fair approaches, we prepare with great anticipation for the biggest "family reunion" in Wilson County. However, this year, it just won't be the same.

Though the Expo Center will host exhibits, and many new, exciting activities are planned, there will be an emptiness throughout the grounds without our good friend Hale Moss. However, I find it particularly appropriate that this year's agricultural commodity for

the Wilson County Fair, is the sunflower. Sunflowers wilt in the darkness, yet flourish bright when sunlight dawns. It seems as though with the passing of Hale, there was a deep mourning period of darkness as we all tried to prepare our best for this year's fair without Hale. However, as the fair draws near, it's as though sunlight is starting to dawn. As we draw closer and closer to opening night, we all begin to rise toward the light, and we all kind of hum to ourselves when we hear this year's theme "Here Comes the FUN". If anything, losing such

a leader in our county has taught me personally that community is important. Coming together is important. Looking towards the sunlight when things seem hopeless, is important. But most importantly, your home should be a place of unity—and a place of hope.

I recently met with Ms. Barbara Payne and we discussed the alarming facts surrounding suicide not only in our nation, but right here at home. In this newsletter, you

will see a personal message from myself, along with information composed by Ms. Payne that provides resources for those contemplating or dealing with a family member or friend contemplating suicide. Please take time to read the information and share it. As we come together to fellowship this month, let's all strive to make Wilson County a community of hope.

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Mayor Hutto Welcomes Governor Haslam



Governor Haslam made a visit to Wilson County on July 6th. He stopped at Houston's Meat and Produce in Mt. Juliet to discuss the passing of the recent Improve Act and its effects on the food

industry. Haslam's Improve Act consisted of one of the largest single tax cuts in Tennessee history in regards to taxes placed on food. The tax cut was over a 20% reduction. Mayor Hut-

to greeted Governor Haslam as well as State Representative Susan Lynn. Mayor Hutto spoke briefly on the Improve Act as well. Houston's Meat and Produce is an old-fashioned

butcher shop in Mt. Juliet. Houston's carries a wide variety of fresh cut meat and seafood. Houston's also offers catering.

COMING SOON TO WILSON COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER



EVERY THURSDAY 4-7PM
THIS SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER



**VENDOR
INQUIRIES:**

615.450.3049

2017 WILSON COUNTY FAIR

SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENT

MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST FAIR OPENS AT 10:00 AM

Join us at the Wilson County Fair for
a once in a lifetime Solar Eclipse!

RIDES,

concessions,

exhibits &

A CHANCE TO WIN

"THE BEST SEAT
IN THE HOUSE!"

Solar Eclipse begins at 11:59 am

Totality begins at 1:28 pm

Totality ends at 1:30 pm

Viewing area will be
held at the Motorsports
Arena & glasses
will be provided
at admission!

"HERE COMES THE FUN!"

WILSON COUNTY FAIR:

AUGUST 18-26, 2017



Smoky Mountain Christmas Ornament Competition

Chairperson: Penny West, 615-476-3658

Advisor: Shelly Barnes, FCS Extension Agent, 615-444-9584, sbarnes@utk.edu



Make a Christmas ornament that will be donated to families that were victims of the Gatlinburg/Sevier County fires of 2016. These ornaments will help rebuild holiday collections, create new memories and share our love and support with a community in need. Please consider participating in this special worthwhile cause. This is a one-time contest only (2017).

Entries will be taken at the
Adult Exhibit Building by Wanda Briddelle @ fce table
August 12th 10am - 3pm

Ornaments must be hand-made. Commercially made ornaments will not be accepted for judging. Only one ornament per person may be entered in each division, however, there is no limit on the donation of ornaments that will be not be judged.

Premiums 1st - \$10; 2nd - \$7; 3rd - \$5

All ornaments will be donated to families that were victims of the Gatlinburg/Sevier County fires of 2016 and will be delivered after the fair. The ornaments will be on display in the Adult Family & Consumer Sciences during the fair.

Division 1: Beads

Lot 1: Adult

Lot 2: Youth

Lot 3: Club Showcase (Must have at least 3 and no more than 5 ornaments; each ornament must be handmade by a different club member. Club members may be adult or youth.)

Division 2: Crocheted

Lot 1: Adult

Lot 2: Youth

Lot 3: Club Showcase (Must have at least 3 and no more than 5 ornaments; each ornament must be handmade by a different club member. Club members may be adult or youth.)

Division 3: Fabric

Lot 1: Adult

Lot 2: Youth

Lot 3: Club Showcase (Must have at least 3 and no more than 5 ornaments; each ornament must be handmade by a different club member. Club members may be adult or youth.)

Division 4: Natural (Materials from Nature)

Lot 1: Adult

Lot 2: Youth

Lot 3: Club Showcase (Must have at least 3 and no more than 5 ornaments; each ornament must be handmade by a different club member. Club members may be adult or youth.)

Division 5: Painted

Lot 1: Adult

Lot 2: Youth

Lot 3: Club Showcase (Must have at least 3 and no more than 5 ornaments; each ornament must be handmade by a different club member. Club members may be adult or youth.)

Division 6: Paper

Lot 1: Adult

Lot 2: Youth

Lot 3: Club Showcase (Must have at least 3 and no more than 5 ornaments; each ornament must be handmade by a different club member. Club members may be adult or youth.)

Division 7: Plastic Canvas

Lot 1: Adult

Lot 2: Youth

Lot 3: Club Showcase (Must have at least 3 and no more than 5 ornaments; each ornament must be handmade by a different club member. Club members may be adult or youth.)

Division 8: Recycled

Lot 1: Adult

Lot 2: Youth

Lot 3: Club Showcase (Must have at least 3 and no more than 5 ornaments; each ornament must be handmade by a different club member. Club members may be adult or youth.)

Division 9: Ribbons

Lot 1: Adult

Lot 2: Youth

Lot 3: Club Showcase (Must have at least 3 and no more than 5 ornaments; each ornament must be handmade by a different club member. Club members may be adult or youth.)

Division 10: Cross-Stitch

Lot 1: Adult

Lot 2: Youth

Lot 3: Club Showcase (Must have at least 3 and no more than 5 ornaments; each ornament must be handmade by a different club member. Club members may be adult or youth.)



MEET THE MAYOR

LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MT. JULIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	8:30-10:00 AM
WATERTOWN- MI RANCHITO	11:00-12:30 AM
LEBANON CHAMBER	1:30-3:00 PM

HR CORNER

WILSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Don't Forget:

The Solar Eclipse is happening on Monday, August 21, 2017. Make Plans to stop by Human Resources to pick up your 2017 Solar Eclipse Viewing Glasses!

Limited Quantity. 2 per employee.



Chris Richardson-Building Inspector's Office
 Kim Brindley-Juvenile Service Office
 Mchaela Baillie-Sheriff's Department
 Brandy Miller-Sheriff's Department
 Jason Dwyer-WEMA

Human Resources is doing a Monthly Employee Giveaway. We have several fun items for you to pick from. All Wilson County Employees will have a chance to win during their anniversary month. Please contact HR at 615-466-5152 or 615-466-5138 to claim your prize.



The Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce Special Events Division and Cumberland University partner for this community event.

Now Accepting Vendor Applications!

Saturday, August 5th, 2017

The first annual Cedar City Food & Artisan Showcase will be held on the Cumberland University campus.

Lebanon needs your talent. Show it off!

Contact 615-444-5503 or tonya@lebanonwilsonchamber.com to reserve your space now!

CHARIS HEALTH CENTER
PRESENTS

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CAPITOL THEATER, LEBANON, TN

SPECIAL GUESTS | ENTRY \$15 |
ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

MORE INFO: www.charishealthcenter.org, ph. 418-1501

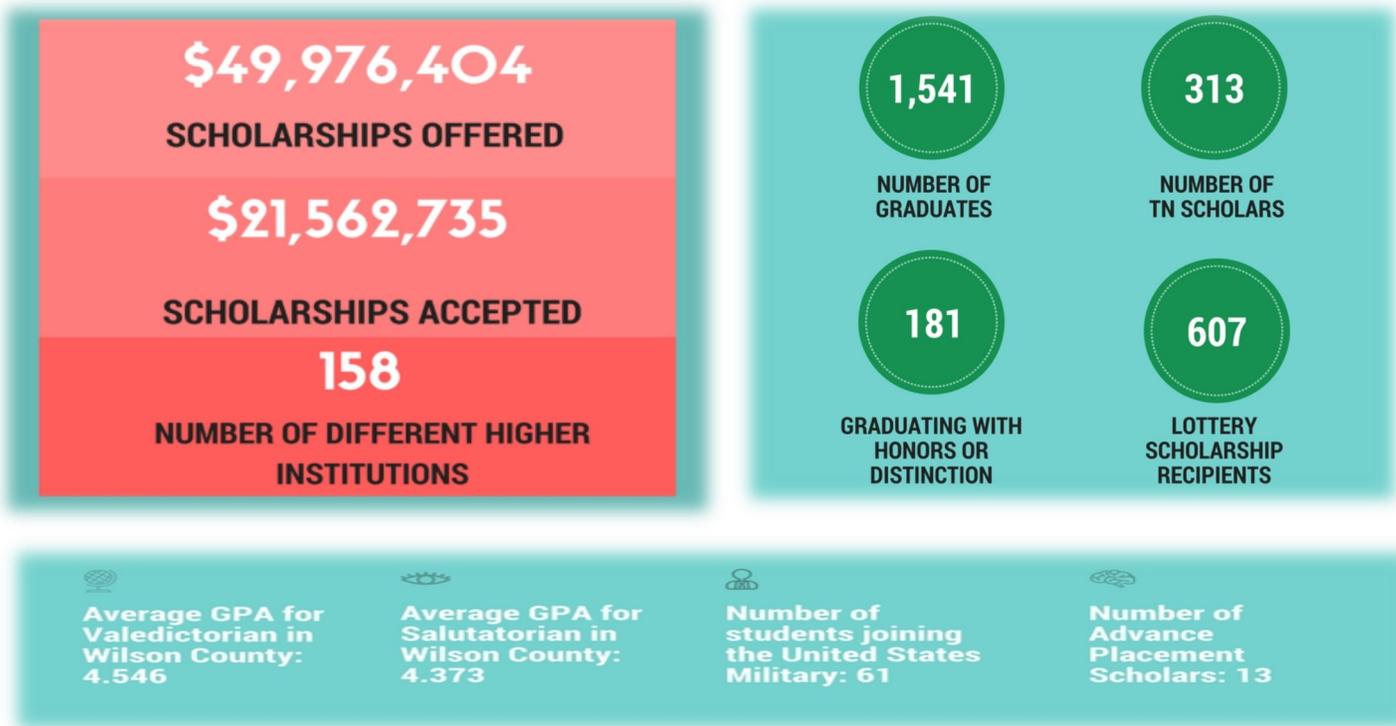
GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR

August marks the end of summer break and the start of a new school year here in Wilson County. As students prepare to enter the halls of our local schools once again, we wanted to reflect on the accomplishments of the Class of 2017. The bar has been set very high, but we

have faith that Wilson County students will once again rise to the occasion and surpass all of our expectations. This month, many members of the Class of 2017 will enter into college campuses all over the United States. Some will enter the military, some will attend

technical school and others will go directly into the job force. Though this time in all of their lives is full of changes, we are confident based on these statistics, that the Class of 2017 will be able to handle any challenges that come their way. A huge thank you to Dr. Donna

Wright, Wilson County Schools administrators, teachers and faculty members that work endlessly to prepare our students for very bright futures. Wilson County truly is the place to be!



Stay Connected

Stay Connected with Mayor Hutto and the Wilson County Mayor's Office! Follow Mayor Hutto on Twitter and Facebook. Also be sure to



Wilson County
www.wilsoncountyttn.gov



HERE WE GROW AGAIN

-WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Gladeville Elementary Ribbon Cutting
Gladeville Middle Groundbreaking
Tuckers Crossroads Ribbon Cutting



4th of July Recap

C O N G R A T S



(Photo taken from The Lebanon Democrat)

We hope everyone had a safe and memorable 4th of July! Mayor Hutto returned to his hometown of Watertown to celebrate the holiday. He also participated in the "Starts, Stripes and Squirt-guns Parade" with his wife Paula.



Congratulations to Phillip Warren, Administrator of Elections for the Wilson County Election Commission. Phillip was recently elected President of the Tennessee Association of County Election Officials.

A Special Message from the Rodeo Committee

“In a cloud of heat and dust, the big white rig rolled to a stop beside me. A pretty blonde, Mom I guess, was behind the wheel and Dad kicked back riding shotgun. In the back seat were three sets of eyes, wide with excitement. Two kids and a Corgi. Mom rolled down the window and over the grind of the Peterbuilt truck, I smiled and yelled, ‘You made it!!’. With eyes glistening, she said ‘We’re here. We’re finally here.’”

-This family had been traveling five days from Canada to land in Lebanon at Ward Ag Center for the National Jr. High Finals Rodeo.



“I’m very proud the Junior High Division of the National High School Rodeo Association chose to come to our town with this awesome event. Nearly 900 campers and 1,031 contestants (6th thru 8th graders) moved into the fairgrounds. Oh, and their horses too; more than 1,200 of them. But I’m most proud of our community and the enormous crowd of volunteers who pitched in to make this happen. Teachers, farmers, county employees, students, family members, elected officials, animal lovers, and retirees volunteered from as far away as Mississippi, Alabama and all across Tennessee. Over 150 individuals worked non-stop for 67 hours checking in contestants and horses, then around the clock for a week providing assistance to rodeo officials and our visitors. They all pitched in, some working multiple shifts and extended hours, sleeping in their vehicles and their own campers, to be present if needed. It was simply awesome”.

-Debbie Joines, Rodeo Volunteer Coordinator

From all of us here at the Ward Ag Center, no event is possible without the support of community partners coming together for a common goal.

Many thanks to the following partners who made this event possible: WEMA, WC Sherriff Dept., TDOT, Wilson County Promotions, Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, Wilson County Tourism & Visitors Bureau, Mt. Juliet Noon Rotary, Kroger, Publix, Tennova Healthcare, Southern Bank, Wilson Bank and Trust, and Tri Green Equipment. It is the collective of volunteers, partners and community support that makes Wilson County the place to be!

WILSON COUNTY RECYCLES

Stewardship is often a word associated with effective money management. However, good stewards are also effective in taking care of their resources, not just finances. Part of being a good steward of resources is taking care of the environment around you. Wilson County Government and all three city governments do a fantastic job of promoting good stewardship of our county's resources by means of recycling, among other "green" initiatives.

One sect of government in particular that works hard to help the environment while also managing waste is the Wilson County Solid Waste Department.

The Wilson County Landfill works hard to manage all types of solid waste. By diverting over half of the items received to a recycling facility, the landfill effectively manages the space at the facility, but also helps save resident's tax dollars. The State of Tennessee requires every county to divert a certain percentage of waste from landfills each year. This diversion can be acquired by residential, commercial and industrial waste. Wilson County has a minimum state mandated goal to divert 25% of waste from landfills. Each year, the



Wilson County Landfill submits a required report to the state outlining the diversion rate. Wilson County usually averages around a 35% diversion rate, which is above the 25% required. Last year alone, Wilson County Solid Waste recycled 2,920 tons of materials. In the month of April, Wilson County Solid Waste collected 243.49 tons of recyclable waste, which equated to over \$21,000 in revenue. By effectively recycling more than the required rate, Wilson County Solid Waste saves money on tipping fees which in turn saves tax payer dollars.

Though at the current time, Wilson County Solid Waste does not offer a service to business owners in regards to recycling, businesses and residents alike are encour-

aged to take advantage of the various drop-off sites throughout town. Recycling bins used to be located at the Lebanon Kroger but have since been removed. You can, however, take recyclable materials to any of the 7 convenience center locations across Wilson County. Recyclable materials accepted at the convenience centers are as follows: batteries, mixed metals, cardboard, carpet padding, newspapers, magazines, plastic jugs, aluminum cans, and tin cans. You can also recycle electronic waste at the landfill itself. Items accepted as recyclable electronic waste include computers, televisions, and microwaves.

Wilson County Solid Waste is always looking for ways to be good stewards of

the environment by effectively managing waste. Currently, the Wilson County Solid Waste department is in communication with the Wilson County Mayor's Office and the Lebanon Gasification plant to discuss a project that would allow residents to recycle Christmas Trees. More details of this event will be shared in future months as the holidays draw near. Mayor Randall Hutto had the following to say about the idea "I am excited for this project that will allow residents to recycle

their Christmas Trees. We get a lot of calls after the holidays on where individuals can drop off live trees. By offering such service, we not only eliminate the hassle of removing a live tree, but also provide residents the assurance that we are putting them to good use by giving back to the environment."

Wilson County Solid Waste is located at 378 Dump Road, Lebanon, TN 37087. The hours of operation are 7 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 8am to 12 pm. The landfill is closed on Saturday starting in October through the month of March. For more information about recycling, convenience center locations, and hours, please visit www.wilsoncountyttn.gov.

Message from County Mayor Randall Hutto:

As County Mayor, I feel my primary purpose is to help the citizens of Wilson County in any way that I can. Whether it is through safer laws, employment opportunities, or access to quality education, I strive to work on behalf of citizens from all walks of life to make Wilson County the best place to call home. I am often made aware of problems that plague citizens throughout our county by community leaders that care enough to step forward and ask for help. Ms. Barbara Payne came into my office recently and discussed with me the devastating effects that suicide has on our society. Suicide doesn't discriminate between the wealthy and the poor, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick. It's a unique pain that is often associated with depression or devastating circumstances. Suicide prevention isn't just a national, state or county responsibility: it's a human being responsibility.

It is my mission that Wilson County is the best place to call home in all of Tennessee. Part of that mission is ensuring that citizens are safe. Another part of that mission is ensuring that citizens have an opportunity to live a full life. Suicide robs individuals of life. It steals potential. It buries hope. It's never the last option. It's never the only way out. It is my hope that the information put together by Ms. Payne, provided below, not only shines much needed light on the subject of suicide, but shines a light for someone battling with suicidal thoughts. Wilson County cares. You are not alone. You always have hope.

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness in today's society. Darkness is prevalent in our home, jobs, schools, politics, etc. **Hope** is the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burdens behind us." *Lt. Scott Moore, Wilson County Sheriff's Office.*

Suicide doesn't distinguish between the young and the old; the rich and the poor; male or female. Lives are never lived, among the youngest of suicide victims; and families are forever changed. Among the suicide victims for whom life has been lived; suicide is a sad close to productive lives.

The causes of suicide are many and complex. Among the causes are depression, financial worries, bullying, social isolation, health issues, a perception of inferiority, fear, homelessness, post-traumatic stress disorder; and, holidays that should be joyful trigger angst and sadness.

Do you know the warning signs?

- Threatening or talking about wanting to hurt or kill him/her self.
- Talking or writing about death, dying, or suicide.
- Displaying hopelessness.
- Expressing rage or uncontrolled anger.
- Acting in a reckless manner; or engaging in risky activities.
- Feeling of being trapped-no way out.
- Exhibiting anxiety and/or agitation.

- Disturbances in sleep patterns.
- Dramatic mood changes.
- Giving away prized possessions.
- Having a history of previous suicide attempts.

“Education of one of the biggest keys to suicide prevention as the more eyes we have watching and the more ears we have listening-the more suicides we can prevent.”

*Brenda Harper
Former Director
Cumberland Mental Health*

Take the time to observe and communicate with your family and friends; or, someone you trust. Unlike any other time in the history of our country, the use of technology has an impact on every phase of our lives. Be vigilant and be aware of trends and threats to our community through the internet. If you're a novice with the internet, ask questions of those more experienced with navigating the internet.

For a lifeline to resources and support during a crisis call:

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

“You lose your license to judge.”

*James Hambrick
Chief of Police, Mt. Juliet*

“Are you a friend or a true friend?”

*Michael McPherson,
Veterans Service Director
Wilson County*

“Don't hesitate to call for help.”

“Don't postpone joy.”

*Patti Watts, Director
Senior Citizen Center Lebanon*

“Help is there; just ask.”

*Nathan Miller, Director
Cumberland Mental Health*

To echo President Reagan's message to Mr. Gorbachev "tear down this wall."

*Tanya Graham, Executive Director
Mt. Juliet Senior Activity Center*

Locally, Cumberland Mental Health Services (www.vbhcs.org) serves the community for help to gain better mental health. Professionals are available, with a mobile crisis unit, to respond to adult suicide situations

seven days a week; 24 hours a day. **Call: 1-877-567-6051.** Crisis services for children and adolescents are not part of VHHCS. **Call: 1-866-791-9221** for assistance.

The Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) is "saving lives in Tennessee." TSPN is a national model for suicide prevention. TSPN offer a wide range of resources tools and training for suicide awareness and prevention; and, for survivors of suicide loss. Contact:

615-297-1077

www.crisistextline.org

Text: TN 741 741

www.tspn.org

QPR- Question, Persuade, Respond

QPR training is provided through TSPN. The QPR mission is to save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training. Quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know.

"There's not a secret you want to keep."

*Chuck Whitlock
School Health Coordinator
Wilson County Schools*

"Young people want to be heard."

*Concerned Student
Lebanon High School*

Our veterans have served and sacrificed for our Nation. Veterans may have special needs; and there are resources, for assistance, through Vet Centers. Vet Centers provide readjustment

services in an environment of understanding, compassion and confidentiality. If you're experiencing feelings of guilt, isolation, rage, depression, anxiety, lack of structure, relationship problems; or medical or financial hardship the Vet Center can help. Contact:

1-877-WAR-VETS (927-8387)

The above hot line number is staffed by combat veterans and spouses with 24 hour a day/365 days a year access. In Middle Tennessee, the Vet Center is located at:

Airpark Business Center I
1420 Donelson Pike
Nashville, TN 37217
(615) 366-1220

"At the end of the day, remember to have hope, be strong, laugh loud, play hard, live in the moment, smile often, dream big. Remember you are loved and never give up. **Hope** is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies." *Lt. Scott Moore, Wilson County Sheriff's Office*



Do you know someone who should be acknowledged for their volunteer work?

Nominate them for the

Governor's Volunteer Star Award

For more information visit:

www.wilsoncountyttn.gov/volunteer-stars-awards

Or

Lebanondemocrat.com/GVSA

Application deadline is December 15, 2017



RELAY FOR LIFE - MT. JULIET - DONELSON - HERMITAGE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH 2017

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Charlie Daniels Park
Mt. Juliet, TN

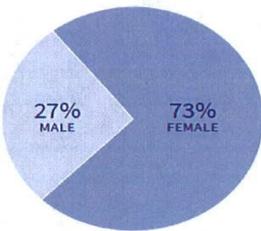
www.relayforlife.org/mtjuliettn

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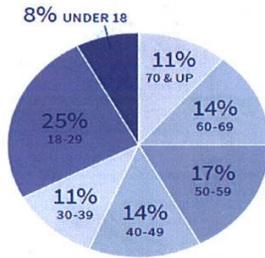


The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement – it's the world's largest fundraising event to save lives from cancer. With 6,000 events uniting 4 million people in 24 countries across the globe, we celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change.

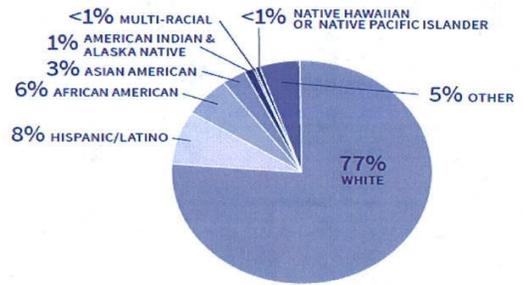
RELAY FOR LIFE PARTICIPANTS ACROSS THE US*



BY GENDER



BY AGE



BY RACE/ETHNICITY

*percentage per total respondents

Being involved in Relay For Life events provides your employees, customers, and communities the opportunity to help free the world from the pain and suffering of every type of cancer. **GET INVOLVED TODAY!**



ONE IN THREE SAY THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO PURCHASE A PRODUCT IF IT'S PARTNERED WITH THE SOCIETY BRAND.*

*American Cancer Society Corporate Partnerships survey: September 2013



THE SOCIETY CONTINUES TO BE A **HIGHLY TRUSTED SOURCE FOR CANCER INFORMATION**, WITH 96 PERCENT AIDED BRAND AWARENESS AMONG CONSUMERS.*

*American Cancer Society Market Research: 2013 Brand Tracker



HELP SAVE LIVES, AND SHOW YOUR COMMUNITY HOW YOU PROVIDE EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS:

- > A quality team-building experience
- > A platform for volunteerism and philanthropy
- > A commitment to their well-being

BENEFITS CAN INCLUDE:

- > Generating a more positive corporate image
- > Improving customer loyalty
- > Increasing sales potential