

## **The Discovery House Supports Cancer Awareness and Cure**

*California residential treatment center sponsored Reseda Relay for Life as tribute to survivorship of all kinds*

([PRWEB](#)) June 11, 2013 -- Substance abuse and cancer have among the highest statistics for mortality in the United States.

A healthy and disease-free life is the ultimate hope for anyone, family or patient, dealing with cancer or substance abuse. These diseases painfully affect not only the individual, but also everyone who cares for them.

The Discovery House, [a residential addiction treatment center](#), recently sponsored the American Cancer Society's Reseda Relay for Life as a strong believer in cancer awareness, research, treatment, and in celebrating survivorship.

As an Official Sponsor of this year's Relay for Life, The Discovery House provided not only monetary support but hands-on set-up. Plenty needed to be done to get the event site ready for the hundreds of walkers and other supporters before the kick-off ceremony began the morning of June 8, 2013.

Arriving at 6:30 a.m., The Discovery House team helped set up booths, picnic tables and event tents, getting the all-important Relay for Life scoreboard up and ready, and helping to organize the many extension cords, pumps and generators that were needed to run the event.

Held at the Cleveland High School track in Reseda, this year's event kicked off at 9 a.m. with a breakfast and opening ceremonies. The Discovery House crew stayed on to enjoy the opening ceremonies, chat with some of the walkers, and cheer them on as they began their first laps around the track.

"Recovery is meaningful for those struggling with addiction or with cancer," shared Tom Whiting, Co-Founder and Executive Director of The Discovery House. "Recovery is the dream of each survivor." The Discovery House gladly took on the role as a sponsor for Relay for Life.

More than 300 individuals, including nearly 30 teams, kept walking on through the night of June 8. Funds raised during the 24-hour relay are used for research and treatment, and to support community cancer initiatives and programs.

Round and round, for a full 24 hours, teams and individuals took turns walking and resting, snacking and snoozing. Sometimes the atmosphere was joyous. At other times it was a bit more pensive as cancer-related memories and stories were shared.

After dark, a Memorial Luminaria Ceremony was held. A lighted candle was placed inside hundreds of white sand-filled bags. Each luminaria honored someone who had been lost to cancer, as well as those who were currently fighting the disease. Many of the luminaries were lovingly decorated with photos; a striking number of these were of young children and adolescents. Some Relay for Life teams were groups of friends honoring one person who had been affected by cancer.

The money raised in this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Reseda will be used for early detection and prevention, cancer research and treatment, patient and family advocacy, and other life-affirming



support.

The Discovery House is proud to have been a part of this year's Relay for Life.

For more information about The Discovery House substance abuse treatment programs, please visit <http://www.thediscoveryhouse.com/>



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