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# **American Cancer Relay for Life Welcome July 15, 2017**

Thank you for inviting me to say a few words on behalf of the Village of Schaumburg at this year's American Cancer Relay for Life.

It is a tremendous honor to stand before this wonderful crowd to recognize the dedication and work you do to raise awareness about this terrible disease.

In fact, just last year the communities of Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates raised over \$3 million dollars during the Relay for Life event!

This is a remarkable achievement and could not be done if it were not for you. Regardless of last year's stats, we're working even harder to continue our fight against cancer.

It is because of people like you, coming together, that we will reduce cancer cases, not only in the U.S. but also worldwide. It is reported that the number of new cancer cases will rise to 22 million within the next two decades.

Let's work together to make sure that number is reduced.

Your contribution is already making an impact. The National Cancer Institute states that the overall cancer death rate in the United States fell by 13%.

This means the number of cancer survivors has increased in our country and events such as today's Relay for Life has played a part in raising this statistic.

It is evident by your presence at this year's annual Relay for Life event that you care.

You care for the men, women and children who have just been diagnosed with cancer, those who are currently undergoing treatment, and all the family and friends who are indirectly affected by loved ones who are fighting against cancer.

And you care enough to honor those who have lost the battle to cancer.

So I am here today with pride to say thank you for your dedication and hard work in this year's Relay for Life. Without you, the Cancer Society would not be able to fund groundbreaking cancer research, critical patient care services, education and prevention initiative, and more.

So please join me in recognizing your selfless dedication in the fight against cancer. Together we can do our part in aiding the American Cancer Society in their effort in finding a cure for this terrible disease.

Thank you and good luck.