



Purple shirts, designating a cancer survivor, filled the walking path for the opening ceremony of the Bakersfield Relay for Life.

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The survivors who were too young or weak to participate were shown support as they rode on the memorial fire engine for the opening ceremony.



Survivors showed their determination to continue to fight with custom signs and military style chanting as they round the track.



Ian Puskarich (center) along with brother Derek (left) and friend Trever Thompson (right), celebrated Ian's 5th birthday, the best way they know how, 2 years cancer free.



Local college girls professed the need to “Fight like a girl” as they walk to support the search for a cure.



Magdalena Gonzalez's lost her fight with cancer in 1997, but she lives on with son Joe and grandson Johny jr. as they support the search for a cure.



Kathy lives on as Team Mardigras continues the party to bring donations into Relay for Life.



Vicky Moore, a wife and mother, lost her battle in 2007, now a portrait that motivates friends and family to get involved in cancer research.



A garden of lost friends, reminds a group of women each year that they must continue to fight for a cure.



The list of local sponsors is displayed proudly on the back of each t-shirt showing a communities strive to support the search for a cure.



A community engaged, to fight a nondiscriminatory evil, Bakersfield continues to support a cure for cancer with one of the Largest Relay for Life events.