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### Westerly Relay For Life Seeks Courage Award Nominations

Each year, the Relay For Life of Westerly recognizes one cancer survivor who has triumphed over cancer, made significant contributions to cancer control and impacts the lives of others. The award is called the "Courage Award" and the person selected will be honored at the opening ceremonies of the Relay on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

If you would like to nominate someone for the 2011 Relay For Life Courage Award, please submit an essay by June 10<sup>th</sup> with your story of why this person symbolizes the courageous struggle of all cancer patients as they deal with the physical and emotional aspects of their experience. Please share as much as you can in order for us to get to know the person you are nominating and why. Nominees must be living in our local community so they can serve as a positive role model.

Mail or email your nomination no later than June 10<sup>th</sup> to:

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The goal of the Relay For Life Courage Award is to provide the local community with a highly visible symbol of personal triumph over cancer as well as to encourage support and participation in the programs of the American Cancer Society.

*Past Relay For Life of Westerly Courage Award winners:*

2010: John Paul (J.P.) Gencarella  
2009: Pamela Blake  
2008: Virginia Burbine Staublely  
2007: Kathryn "Kate" Bates  
2006: Lila Barber  
2005: Elizabeth (Betty) Gentile  
2004: Debra Ferraro  
2003: Gemma Masucci  
2002: Peggy Friend  
2001: Raymond E. James  
2000: Cathleen Marriott Holland  
1999: Adam Trombino  
1998: Carolyn Longolucco

*Relay For Life of Westerly takes place June 24 & 25 at the Westerly High School football field. Relay for Life is an 18-hour event where teams walk or run relay-style with at least one member of each team on the track at all times. There are fun activities throughout the night and into the morning, including musical entertainment and kids activities. The luminary ceremony on Friday night illuminates the field as hundreds of luminary bags line the track. Those who have survived cancer and those who have lost the battle will be honored during this unforgettable ceremony. Thousands of local residents attend the event and \$3.0 million has been raised for the American Cancer Society's research and services in the past 13 years in Westerly. For more information on Relay For Life of Westerly, contact chairperson, Paul Gingerella at [paul.gingerella@gmail.com](mailto:paul.gingerella@gmail.com) or 401-486-5418 or visit [www.westerlyrelay.org](http://www.westerlyrelay.org).*