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Eastern to Host 8th Annual Windham Area Relay for Life

Willimantic, Conn.—Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) will once again host the Windham Area Relay for Life on Saturday, Oct. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 17. This 24-hour event, which benefits the American Cancer Society, runs from 11 a.m. Saturday to 11 a.m. Sunday. The relay will take place at the Eastern Sports Complex in Mansfield. Local organizations, area groups and businesses, and Eastern students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and participate. The money raised through the relay will support cancer research, education, advocacy and patient service programs.

One of the highlights of the relay is the traditional survivor's lap, held just prior to the relay. The survivor's lap is dedicated to those who have survived their battle with cancer. Following the opening lap, a luncheon will be served to the survivors and their families.

Another highlight of this event is the candle lighting ceremony, which will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. The luminaries will be placed around the track as part of the dedication. Signs in the bleachers will display the word "hope" as a commitment to the continuing fight against cancer.

For more information regarding the relay, please contact Nita Indars, administrative assistant in the Office of Facilities Management and Planning at Eastern, at (860) 465-4565 or e-mail indars@easternct.edu; or contact the local American Cancer Society coordinator, Carol Palonan, at (860) 456-6896.

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