

American Cancer Society: Relay for Life

“We are the determined, fighting all stages of all cancers in all communities.”

Since 2015, MORT has donated both time and funding to our high school’s annual Relay for Life event under the American Cancer Society, that is constantly conducting research to put an end to the disease that has affected all of us. The society host walks in over 5,200 communities and 27 countries to raise money as a way to create a sustainable flow of income, so they can continue their attempt to find a cure. Our efforts to help fund their research started small but grew with each year we returned to the event.

In 2015, MORT had about 20 volunteers and raised \$100 dollars to donate. We brought our robots to educate relay participants about our program. The members of our community were truly interested in our program. We enjoyed allowing the younger children to operate the robots and witnessing their excitement as they realized they were controlling the robots!!

In 2016, our efforts expanded with 50 total members present at the event! Last year, we raised \$2,000 overnight, all of which went to the American Cancer Society. Just as we did the previous year, we brought our robots to the track to demonstrate to the community.

This year, however, was our most successful Relay for Life event in MORT history! We had 90 MORT participants, raising a total of \$4,735, more than double of our previous donations and making up 20% of the event’s total donations! At the end of the event, we were recognized as a Silver Level Team for raising more than \$3,500. Out of the 26 different teams in attendance, we ranked first for our total donations.

Not only did we demonstrate our robots at the event, but we also sold food, t-shirts, and face paint which all \$400 of which went toward the American Cancer Society as well. Although they could not attend, we reached out to other local FRC teams this past year to help us in our efforts. These teams included 303 TEST Team, Team Impact 219, and team 4361 Roxbotix. Despite their unavailability, our team were still able to total 1,080 hours of outreach and we are looking forward to continuously offer our help in any way we can for years to come!

