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**Cancer Services' Lapper 2011 event raises over \$55,000**

*Over 500 participants participated in the walk*

FORT WAYNE, Ind.-- Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana hosted its annual fundraising walk, Lapper, on **Saturday, May 21, 2011**, at Foster Park, located in southwest Fort Wayne.

The Lapper fundraiser is designed to honor and memorialize those touched by cancer. When Lapper founder Jill Burnett first organized this event 9 years ago, she encouraged people to test their own endurance and push past their comfort zone just as people with cancer do every day. The tradition continues today, and each Lapper participant walked as many laps around the paved two-mile trail at Foster Park as they could.

This year, over 500 participants helped raise over \$55,000, and since its inception, Lapper has raised over \$150,000. These funds provide financial assistance, medical equipment, emotional support, transportation assistance and health supplies for people with cancer and their families in Northeast Indiana.

Immediately following Lapper, participants and community members attended the annual Survivors Day celebration. Attendees enjoyed music, food and entertainment for the entire family.

***About Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana***

Cancer Services' mission is to enhance the quality of life of those affected by cancer by providing meaningful resources, information and compassionate assistance. Last year, more than 3,000 local people with cancer and their families received emotional support and practical resources for their cancer journey. Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana helps people who live in Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, Lagrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley counties.

For more information, visit [www.cancer-services.org](http://www.cancer-services.org), or call toll free @ (866)484-9560.

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