

Carroll Relay raises \$69,700

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HILLSVILLE — The Galax-Carroll Relay for Life raised a respectable \$69,700, given the harsh economic climate gripping the nation and the region.

About 500 people turned out last Friday at the Carroll County High School athletic field for opening ceremonies for the all-night walk against cancer, according to organizer Judy Beasley.

"I think it was a bigger crowd than usual," she said.

The most popular events of the evening were the dunking booth and the jail and bail booths, which together probably raised \$1,000 of the total.

"Our goal was \$82,000, so we're short," Beasley said. "With the economic times like they are, I guess we're lucky to have that."

As many as 400 people participated on 34 teams, she said.

A large percentage of the funds raised will go to help local patients, through efforts like the "Look Good, Feel Better" program, which provides wigs and prostheses for breast cancer patients, and "Road to Recovery," which provides transportation to doctor's offices and hospitals for cancer patients who don't have a way to travel.

"We had great participation and we have challenged all our teams to come back next year and bring a new team with them, so we can double the participation we now have," Beasley said.

- Supporters who want to be involved can contact Beasley to participate in the 2010 fund raising event for the fight against cancer. Her phone number is (276) 398-4214.

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