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Mills hosts its 16th annual Swim-A-Mile to fight cancer

By Monika Sabic October 7, 2015

The Mills community and Women's Cancer Resource Center (WCRC) gathered together for the 16th annual Swim-A-Mile to fight against women's cancer on Oct. 3-4.

"We are so grateful for Mills to host this event," Swim-A-Mile coordinator Christine Sinnott said. "This is the 20th Swim-A-Mile and we have been here 16 years."

Every year, head coach Neil Virtue and his Cyclone swim team host the event with WCRC for both the team and walk-on volunteers to swim a mile distance — 33 laps — in honor of their loved ones who have or are currently battling cancer.

On either end of the pool are spectators cheering on the swimmers with cowbells. After swimming the 33 laps, participants are given a medal for their participation in fighting for a common cause.

After exceeding the \$375,000 goal at last year's Swim-A-Mile to \$431,000, the WCRC is striving high for this year. This years goal is to raise \$465,000 which will go towards the WCRC providing free supportive services to both men and women with cancer in Alameda County and Contra Costa County.

"Our goal this year is ambitious, but we were at 70 percent last night," Sinnott said. "These swimmers are amazing."

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