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## **Rockford Public Schools Recognized for Outstanding Community Involvement Over the Past 17 Years with the Relay For Life of Rockford**

**Rockford, Michigan** – Rockford Public Schools was nominated to receive a recognition award at the annual Relay For Life of Rockford, which has taken place every May since 2003. However, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Relay For Life of Rockford had to postpone its fundraiser. Rockford Public Schools and the American Cancer Society is all about togetherness, but the safety of our students, survivors, volunteers and staff is always a top priority.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the American Cancer Society was able to present the “2020 Community Partnership” award to Superintendent, Dr. Michael Shibler.

*“The American Cancer Society’s mission matters more than ever. The needs of people facing cancer continue and so does its work. Cancer patients still need support during this crisis,”* says Dr. Shibler.

The mission of the Rockford Public Schools is to provide a safe teaching and learning environment which will ensure, with the support of the students, parents and community, that all students, upon graduation, will have the academic and social skills to be successful, lifelong learners in a global society.

The Rockford Public School system is made up of 14 schools (including the new virtual option), approximately 1,000 staff, and nearly 8,000 students. Largely in part to the school’s involvement, the Relay For Life of Rockford has raised over \$2 million to support the mission of the American Cancer Society. In addition, there are countless volunteer hours from Rockford Public Schools, and the North Rockford Middle School has donated its track as the event location.

Funds raised help the American Cancer Society to continue with cancer research, the 24/7 helpline, and for continuing services to get patients the care and support they need where we can. To help continue to bring hope to those that need it most, visit your local Relay For Life website, [www.RelayForLife.org/RockfordMi](http://www.RelayForLife.org/RockfordMi). **Register now for Relay For Life 2021!**

