



# Team Tulane to race for the Cure

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In an effort to help eradicate breast cancer and to ease the suffering it causes men and women everywhere, New Orleans Hillel and Alpha Epsilon Phi are co-sponsoring a team for the Oct. 7 New Orleans Race for the Cure.

"Team Tulane," as the group is known, is open to any Tulane students, staff or faculty who wish to participate.

"It isn't 'Team Hillel' or 'Team AEPHI,' it's 'Team Tulane,'" AEPHI Vice President Rachel Applestein said.

This year, AEPHI joined Hillel to create a bigger team. "We're hoping for 75 to 100 people," Applestein said.

Hillel's Program Associate Sarah Cytryn echoed Applestein's expectations for participation. "So far, I'm very happy with the student turn-out. Our goal is to reach 100 participants. I think we can do it," Cytryn said. A Facebook event created for the race had nearly 500 people invited earlier in the week, with 90 set to attend.

The race, scheduled to be held in City Park from 8 to 11 a.m., is a five-kilometer run/walk that is organized by the Susan G. Komen Foundation's New Orleans affiliate. The cost to register with Team Tulane is \$25, payable either in cash or by check to New Orleans Hillel.

Proceeds go to both Susan G. Komen for the Cure and Sharsheret, AEPHI's national philanthropy organization Shar Sharet. Susan G. Komen for the Cure is an organization that organizes races nationwide and is celebrating 25 years of Race for the Cure. Sharsheret, Hebrew for "chain," supports young women who suffer from breast cancer.

"It is rare [for younger women to have breast cancer], but they need help," Applestein said. Hillel and AEPHI will receive no proceeds from the race or registration fees.

Participants will receive two free T-shirts - one is the official Race for the Cure T-shirt, and the other is a shirt made just for Team Tulane by Hillel and AEPHI. There will be a brunch at Hillel at 912 Broadway before the race at 7:30 a.m. Buses will then transport team members from the Hillel house to City Park and back to Hillel after the race.

Freshman Lindsey Peller said she plans to participate in the race.

"Individuals in my life have been touched by breast cancer," Peller said. "I have never done Race for the Cure before, but I believe the event is an awesome way to raise awareness."

It is estimated that in 2007, more than 180,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in American women. Of these, more than 40,000 women and 450 men will die from the disease, according to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation.

Freshman Amanda Zerbib also committed to taking part in Race for the Cure. "My aunt and my mom's best friend from college are both survivors of breast cancer, and I thought I should participate in this for them," Zerbib said. "I feel like everyone can get something out of this."