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11th annual Fe for a Cure Race/Walk aims to have 1,500 registered participants Sept. 19th

(August 12, 2026) – Registrations are ramping up for the 11th annual Fe for a Cure Race/Walk with more than 300 participants already signed up for the event – shattering previous early-registration records. The event will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center in Salina.

Over the years the race has grown into one of the area’s largest running and walking events and is one of the leading fundraisers supporting patients receiving treatment at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center.

One-hundred percent of entry fees and donations raised through Fe for a Cure directly support patient programs and services, including:

- Appearance Center hats, scarves, wigs and other personal care items
- Patient transportation assistance
- Patient Meal Program
- Rebecca A. Morrison House patient accommodations
- And, many other services that help make the cancer treatment journey a little easier for patients and their families.

Fe for a Cure has raised \$400,729 since its inception in support of patients. Last year’s event set a participation record with 1,214 registered participants and raised \$79,183.

“Every year at Fe for a Cure, we’re reminded just how many people in our region have been affected by cancer,” said Marla McElderry, executive director of the Salina Regional Health Foundation. “It is amazing how our community comes together to support patients and their families. We’ve been so

excited to see this event grow over the years, and we're hoping to keep that momentum going and reach 1,500 participants this year."

Registration is \$25 for participants ages 12 and older and \$10 for ages 11 and younger. Everyone who registers by September 1 is guaranteed a commemorative event t-shirt. Cancer survivors who register will receive specially designated survivor t-shirts.

Those who cannot attend but still want to support the cause can register as a "Couch Potato" and receive a t-shirt. Donations also are welcome.

Registration, donation and event information is available at feforacure.com.

Race Day details

Fe for a Cure is one of the region's most fun, family-friendly and affordable running and walking events.

Race-day festivities begin at 7:40 a.m. with special recognition of cancer survivors in attendance. The event's USATF-certified 5K begins at 8 a.m. and starts and finishes on Santa Fe Avenue in front of the Tammy Walker Cancer Center. The course takes participants through Salina's historic downtown corridor before winding through two of Salina's iconic parks along the Smoky Hill River Channel.

A 1-mile fun run/walk will begin from the same start/finish line at 8:10 a.m.

More ways to support Fe for a Cure

Join the Corporate Challenge – Businesses of all sizes are encouraged to participate in the Fe for a Cure Corporate Challenge. The challenge recognizes the small, mid-sized and large businesses with the most employees participating in the event. Last year's Corporate Challenge winners were Jim's Formal Wear in the small-business category, Blue Beacon in the mid-sized category and Great Plains Manufacturing in the large-business category.

Volunteer – Fe for a Cure relies on approximately 90 volunteers to serve as road guards along the course to direct participants, encourage runners and help re-route traffic during the event. Volunteers must be able to report from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Race Day and will receive a Fe for a Cure volunteer t-shirt.

Those interested in volunteering can register at feforacurevolunteers.srhc.com or contact Daniel Craig, cancer program manager, at dacraig@srhc.com or (785) 452-4848 for more information.

The Fe for a Cure Race/Walk is presented by the Salina Regional Health Foundation, Meridian Media and North Salina Community Development.