

## KVH Staff & Family Join the Fight Against Cancer

On Friday, May 8, 2009, six KVH employees and their families joined hundreds of others at the Gaudet Middle School track in Middletown, RI, for the [American Cancer Society's Relay for Life](#). The [KVH Cancer Crusaders](#) raised \$1,572 as part of the event, which raised over \$90,000 overall for the American Cancer Society. All of the money was donated to support cancer research and treatment and support programs for those who are living with cancer. Then they showed up, set up their campsite, laced up their sneakers, and walked well over 50 miles, through the night and in the rain, in support of cancer survivors and caregivers as well as the search for a cure.

The Relay for Life is an annual event held in cities and towns around the world, raising millions of dollars to support the American Cancer Society's many programs. This year, participants in the [Aquidneck Island Relay for Life](#) also donated much-needed items for the new [Hope Lodge in Boston](#), where cancer patients and their families can stay for free during treatment.

The six KVH employees who participated -- Erin Boiani, Pam Champion, Nicole Chevrette, Angela Hurney, Anthony Rogers, and Chris Watson -- plus their families and all of the KVH staff who were not able to walk but donated time, talents, and funds to support the team, are to be commended. Thanks to their efforts, cancer patients all over the country have more hope for survival, for a more comfortable treatment experience, and for finding a cure in their lifetime so that their children and grandchildren don't have to live with the disease. *More importantly, thanks to KVH covering their registration fees, the team was able to donate every last penny from their fundraising efforts straight to the American Cancer Society!* Best of all, you can still participate! [Donations will be accepted online through the summer!](#)



Setting up camp



Survivor Susan with her granddaughter during the Survivor Lap



*Chris and his family walking together during the Caregivers' Lap*



*A stunning statistic, and another reason to keep Relaying*



*Nicole, the team captain, presents tokens of appreciation to each team member to honor their individual contributions*



*2009 KVH Cancer Crusaders*



*The KVH Cancer Crusaders waving for the KVH In the Community web page!*



*Over 1,200 "luminaria," decorated in honor of loved ones lost to or still fighting cancer, lined the path and lit the way for the Relay participants*



*When free pizza came in at midnight, courtesy of A-1 Pizza in Middletown, Chris kindly delivered slices to his very appreciative team members! What a guy!*



*This is what 3AM looks like -- Angela walked a few laps with John as he completed a total of 60 laps, or 15 miles! Most amazing of all, he Twittered the entire experience, and pledged to walk farther next year!*