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Lake Forest Police and Fire departments play basketball to raise money for cancer, Page 4



(Main) Austin Yarc, of the Lake Forest Fire Department, dribbles the ball down the court against Matt Signa, of the Lake Forest Police Department, on Sunday, Feb. 11, at Lake Forest College. (Inset) Members of the Lake Forest Police Department played an exhibition basketball game against the Lake Forest Fire Department to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

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News COVER STORY

LF police, fire departments help raise \$2,100 for American Cancer Society

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Lake Forest College's Relay for Life joined forces with the Lake Forest Police and Fire Departments in the battle against cancer on Sunday, Feb. 11.

The event was Playing for a Cause, a benefit basketball game at the college's Sports and Recreation Center that pitted the Police Department Handcuffs against the Fire Department Hoses, and a total of \$2,100 was raised to be donated to the American Cancer Society.

"[Relay for Life is] an organization on our campus that sets up fundraising events for the American Cancer Society," said Tom Steen, the Lake Forest senior who presides over the organization's board of directors. "We have events to recognize people currently battling cancer and cancer survivors. We provide lodging for people who need to stay overnight for their cancer treatment; we give people rides to treatment; and we give wigs to people who don't have hair (because of chemotherapy treatments). We focus on providing as much comfort as we can to people who have cancer. Money goes to cancer research, as well."

Last year, the organization raised \$52,000, the third highest amount raised by any college in the state. This year, the goal is \$55,000, while the football team alone raised \$11,000.



Lake Forest Fire Chief Pete Siebert attempts up for the layup during a Relay for Life exhibition basketball game against Lake Forest Police Department on Sunday, Feb. 11 at Lake Forest College. SCOTT MARGOLIN/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

Steen's intermediary in inaugurating Playing for a Cause was police officer Paul Dazizovi, a former offensive guard on the team who graduated in 2014.

"It's incredible how much Paul has done to help us in terms of publicity and logistics," Steen said.

Daizovi is a native of Dania, Fla., who prefaced his playing career with the Foresters by starring for South Broward High School.

"Our current coach recruited me to come here and play football and I loved the school so much that I stuck around," said Daizovi, who was the team's Relay for Life representative during his playing career.

After graduation, Daizovi joined the police force.

He said preparations for Playing for a Cause took

about three months.

"I applied to the Police Foundation and received a \$2,500 donation that we used to buy items for raffles and for uniforms that we can use for this game year to year," Daizovi explained. "We also received a donation from Dan Shapiro of four Bulls tickets that we raffled."

Among the other raffle items were a pair of Bose wireless headphones and a Space Gray MacBook.

Not only was Daizovi a catalyst in organizing the inaugural game, the 6-foot-4, 265-pounder also threw his weight around on the basketball court during the game.

But the Hoses were too much for the Handcuffs to handle. The Firemen broke an 8-8 tie to take the lead early in the extremely physical game and went on to win 46-32.

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