



TASC FORCE

TEAM ACTION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

Thanks to Jennifer Harris for this wonderful TASC Force story of late night volunteerism, support for a brave friend, generous food donations and successful fundraising:

"We decided to participate in this event as a TASC Force effort in honor of one of our long-time team members and friends, Jarrett Smith, who was diagnosed with cancer early last year. We watched as Jarrett battled bravely and struggled with both the physical and emotional toll this disease exacts. In March of this year, Jarrett celebrated one year of being cancer-free!

As a team, we knew we wanted to mark this occasion in a big way. We committed to participating in the Lewisville Relay for Life benefiting the American Cancer Society and set to work on our fundraising efforts. Our team worked diligently raising money in all sorts of ways: garage sales, car washes, selling cupcakes on campus, etc. In all, we raised a little more than \$5,000. The donation of \$1,000 from the BJ's Restaurants Foundation pushed our total contribution to over \$6,000! In addition, BJ's sponsored the "Survivor Dinner" at the Relay, where our team members demonstrated genuine compassion by serving Grilled Chicken Pasta, salads, and Pizookies to 75 cancer survivors from our community. We were named a Gold Level Team at the Relay for our contributions, but the truth is that the real reward was in knowing we had accomplished something together that would be of tremendous benefit to our community.

My family, as well as several of the families of our team members, participated in the relay and we were the 2:00 a.m. crew (the Relay is overnight from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am) and were later joined by even more of our team who came out after closing the restaurant on a Friday night! Those shown in the photo, just a fraction of those who helped, are: (back row) Sarah Roy, Kathleen Reeves, Kristin Wade, GM Jennifer Harris (holding niece Leighton), Yuki Cruse and (front row) DM Spencer Sinclair, Jarrett Smith, SM Jacqueline Cressman, Brandon Bertrand.

The TASC Force has become a fundamental part of our make-up in Lewisville and we love what our involvement says to our community about our company and are both proud and honored to represent a company that places such a premium on giving back."



Thank you Jennifer. You and your team's tribute to Jarrett and your support of the American Cancer Society is an amazing story that I proudly share with all of our readers.

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