The Pat Flynn Spirit of Relay Awards

The Pat Flynn Spirit of Relay Awards are intended to honor and recognized an event or individual that embodies the same spirit of Relay that the “Mother of Relay” – Pat Flynn – inspired in Relay participants around the world.

These nomination-based awards are submitted by the Region leadership volunteers and staff.

Relay events will be notified by the Area or Region if they are nominated. Regions have the ability to nominate on an area level and designate one winner for the Region nomination-based award. On a national level we will present six total Region nomination-based awards. One of these will be selected as the overall Pat Flynn Spirit of Relay Award nationwide winner.

The final Pat Flynn Spirit of Relay Award will be presented through the National Relay Leadership Team (volunteers).

Winning event teams for nomination-based awards will receive the following:
- Spirit of Relay banner
- Choice of the following for the lead volunteer: acrylic award, men’s or women’s Vega Tech 1/4-zip jacket, women’s hooded cardigan, copper vacuum (bottle and tumbler) set

To all the fearless fighters, hope enablers, community mobilizers, and big dreamers who embody the very essence of the Relay For Life movement, it’s time to celebrate you!

The Spirit of Relay Awards seek to honor and recognize all those who have gone above and beyond to help the American Cancer Society lead the fight for a world without cancer through the Relay For Life movement. From engaging survivors or an entire school community to promoting your event or creating an event experience to remember, our individual victories will collectively translate to the ultimate victory of beating our biggest rival – cancer.

We present Spirit of Relay Awards in two categories: nomination-based (from the Regions, and called the Pat Flynn Spirit of Relay Awards) and data-determined. Award winners will be announced in September after all the data have been finalized. The deadline to submit nomination-based award entries is August 31.
DATA-DETERMINED AWARDS

These awards will be solely based on data collected in American Cancer Society records. A Spirit of Relay banner and lapel pins for ELT members will be presented to winning event teams in the following categories:

#1 Net Income Event
#1 Per Capita
Power of Hope
Nationwide #1 Rookie Event
Nationwide Per Capita Awards
Nationwide Top Net Income Events
Explosive Growth Award

Gordy Klatt Number One Net Income Event Award
This award is given to the number one nationwide fundraising community in the country based on net income recorded in American Cancer Society records.

Gordy Klatt Number One Per Capita Award
This award goes to the number one per capita county in the country based on net income from American Cancer Society records and county population.

Gordy Klatt Power of Hope Award
Survivors are the heart of the Relay For Life movement. This award seeks to recognize one county for having the most number of survivors, and survivors on teams, in the nation.

Power of Hope Award
The Power of Hope Awards will be given to the top county in each of the 16 population buckets that have the overall most number of survivors, (individuals and on teams).

Nationwide Region Per Capita Award
This is given to the top Region with the highest per capita net income based on American Cancer Society records and total county population in the Region.

Nationwide Number One Rookie Event
This award is given to the first-year community event with the top net income recorded in American Cancer Society records.

Nationwide Per Capita Award
Awarded to the top 5 per capita counties in one of 16 different population size range categories based on net income from American Cancer Society records and county population of all the Relay events in each county. The overall number one county is the Gordy Klatt Number One Per Capita Award winner.

Nationwide Teams of Excellence and Top Team Fundraising
Award winner will receive:
• Spirit of Relay banner for team
• Lapel pins for team members
• Choice of following for Team Captain and Co-captain:
  - RFL ¼-zip jacket, RFL women’s hooded cardigan, custom RFL copper vacuum (bottle and tumbler) set, or acrylic award

Nationwide Team of Excellence Award
This award recognizes all teams that raise $50,000 and more.

Nationwide Top Individual Fundraising Award
This is awarded to the top 10 individuals who raise the most funds nationwide based on funds raised by participants from American Cancer Society records.

Nationwide Top Net Income Events
This award goes to the top 10 nationwide fundraising events in the country based on net income from American Cancer Society records. The overall number one event is the Gordy Klatt Number One Net Income Event Award winner.

Nationwide Top Team Fundraising Award
This award goes to the top 10 fundraising teams in the country. Awards are given to the top 10 teams with 50 or fewer participants, and top 10 teams with 51 and above.

Nationwide Top Teams Fundraising Award
This is for the top company or organization that has multiple teams in events across the country, based upon net income combined for these teams.

Explosive Growth Award
This award is given to the top six events that have shown the highest net increase in their fundraising from last fiscal year to this fiscal year. The top three events in percentage growth (with a minimum of $25,000 raised in 2019) would be awarded. The top three events in net increase in dollars raised would be awarded.