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**EDITORS:** The following information is for immediate release. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Grigalonis, Chief Operating Officer of the Chester County Economic Development Council, at 610-458-5700.

**Chester County Light the Night walk  
raises more than \$150,000  
for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**  
*Economic Development Council's  
Gary Smith and Tim Connor are Co-Chairs*

**EXTON** \_ More than 2,000 people recently took part in a ***Light the Night*** walk that raised more than \$150,000 for the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. At dusk, the walkers carried illuminated balloons - white for survivors, red for supporters, and gold to honor the memory of a loved one.

For the third consecutive year, Gary Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chester County Economic Development Council, and Tim Connor, Director of Business Development for the Economic Development Council, co-chaired the Chester County portion of the fundraising event. In this role, the CCEDC sponsored a Corporate breakfast to inform local company representatives about this event and to increase participation from area businesses, families and individuals in the Chester County region.

The walk took place on Saturday, October 13 at Wilson Farm Park in Chesterbrook and a preliminary accounting was just released by the Philadelphia office of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Krystn Kuckelman, Senior Campaign Director, reported the walks in the region were a "tremendous success" with more than \$1.6 million being raised, exceeding their goal by \$79,000.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is the world's largest private organization concerned solely with funding research to find cures for blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for more than 40 years. The Council's portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its brand new facility in Eagleview. For more information, see [www.cceconomicdevelopment.com](http://www.cceconomicdevelopment.com).