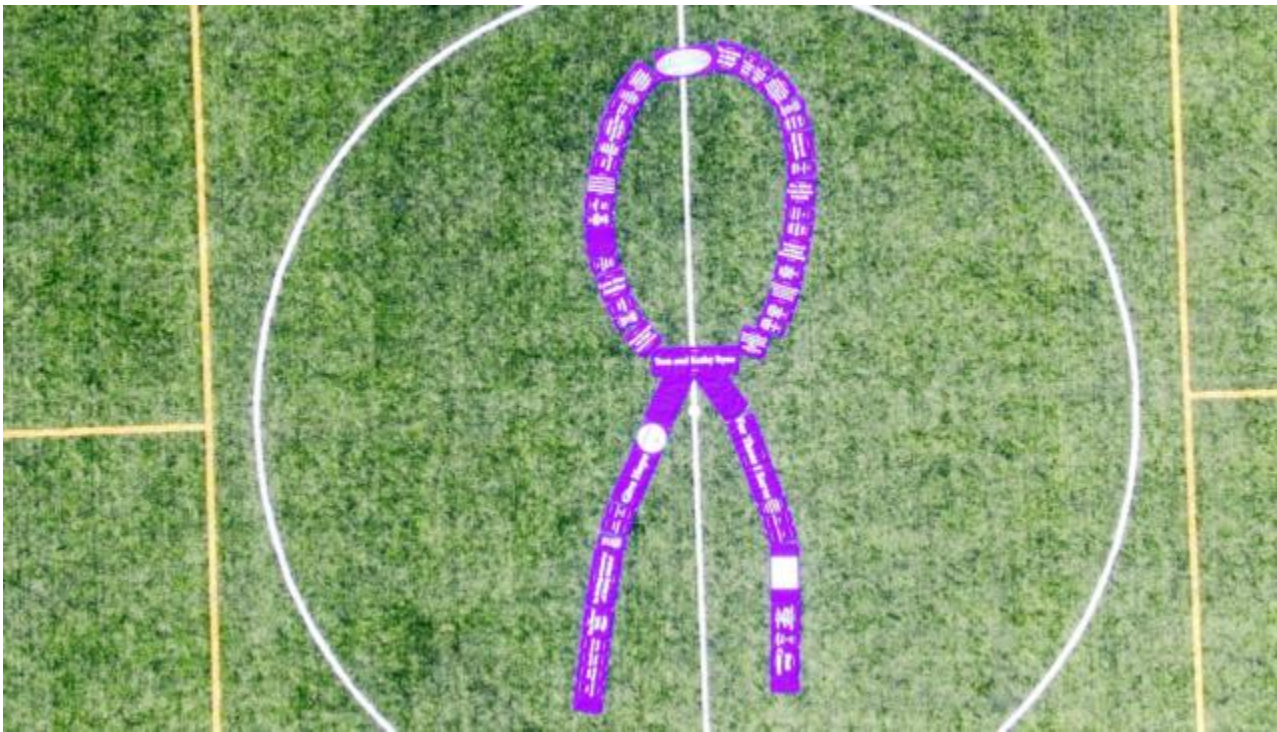


AMHSF Ribbon Project Raises More Than \$10,000 For Cancer Patients

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Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation is thankful for the dozens of businesses, families and individuals who donated to its first Ribbon of Strength campaign.

Because of their generosity, \$10,295 was raised to support cancer patients at Alton Memorial Hospital. The donations will go to the Foundation's Extra Mile and You've Got a Friend funds, which help patients who experience financial hardships as a result of their diagnosis or treatment. The gifts will pay for the patients' essentials – such as gas, car repairs, rent, mortgage, and utilities -- so they can focus on treatment, healing and recovery.

Donors could also personalize banners with messages of encouragement for patients, to memorialize those they have lost and to honor those who have won the fight. The Foundation staff laid out the banners to form a 101-foot purple ribbon at Gordon Moore Park on March 20.

“We hope the patients will see this symbol and it will serve as a reminder that they are not alone, they have an entire community behind them,” said Kristen Ryrie, manager of Foundation and Development at Alton Memorial Hospital. “We thank everyone for donating to this fundraiser and we hope to do it again next spring.”

To learn more about how you can support the mission of Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation, [visit its website](#), or contact Kristen Ryrie, manager of Foundation and Development, at 618-463-7701 or Kristen.ryrie@amhsf.org.

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