



## **Truckers Parade Against Cancer**

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Every year when the time comes to begin planning the Truckers Parade we reflect back on the prior year to help us get motivated. One might ask, what from last year do we want to remember? Well, if you had asked that question the week after the parade the answer would have been nothing, but time has passed and wounds of the disappointing weather have healed and the important memories bring back tears. Let me share with you a few of these. Truckers who braved all that weather and still managed to smile in the photographs, one special survivor that braved the weather, in her weakened body due to treatments because she was so excited about being a part of the parade for the first time, the spectators on the streets under tents and umbrellas waving and crying as the parade went on in spite of the weather, and last the TPAC team working together so hard with a brave face although we felt like our supporters would never understand and never be back. After talking to each driver that we could locate, we realized once again that your dedication to our survivors and the fight against cancer is not even waivered by a hurricane, and we love you for that. Everyone realizes we all have rocky roads and trying times in our lives, last year being one of those. However, we always have hope, without it we have nothing. It is our hope that TPAC, with your help, will help find a cure. That would mean the devastation, the pain, the uncertainty, and the financial burdens of cancer can come to an end.

We have decided, as a team, that this year we will have a new location. The 17th Annual Truckers Parade will be held at CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL, IN CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE, on Oct 14. Our new venue will provide pavement for the trucks and a rain free environment for the activities. So, the way we figure, this will insure that we will have a day filled with sunshine and joy. Please find enclosed a map and a tentative schedule. Because of this, the parade will not travel thru Phenix, <u>but</u> we have great things planned for the Phenix residents, to show how much their support has meant to the TPAC team over the years.

Let's share our excitement and begin spreading the news: new venue, new attitudes, and the non stoppable commitment of the greatest group of people we have ever encountered. Fees are the same, \$250.00 per banner, and multiple banners are welcomed. That's the way to raise more funds for research.

Checks can be made payable to AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, and mailed back with paperwork to 471Nollie Road, Phenix, VA 23959. Extra paperwork can be found on the website: www.truckersparade.com. It is crucial that fees and paperwork are turned in before Sept 25th. We will not cash your check until after the parade, but the number of trucks registered is crucial in the planning of this event. We look forward to showing you how much you mean to us and the fight against cancer. Let's make 2017 the biggest and the best Truckers Parade Against Cancer that Charlotte County has ever experienced!

Thanks for all you do and have done, The Entire TPAC Team