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AJJF dojo helps fight cancer in 24-hour walk-a-thon

By Kevin Colton

Santa Clarita Valley Jujitsu participated in a 24-hour walk-a-thon for the American Cancer Society that began on Saturday, May 22. The "Relay For Life" event takes place throughout California, but this year was the first time it was held in Pacific Palisades.

My mother, who lives in the Palisades, where I also went to school, asked if I would join in the walk. My mom is a cancer survivor and just went through thyroid cancer surgery and breast cancer surgery. She is doing fine right now and was very active with the organiz-



ing of this event. I also lost my father 17 years ago to lung cancer. I was very happy to help.

I got a team of walkers from the dojo. With their help we raised \$1,883 dollars.

The total raised by the event walk was close to \$22,000.

Next year, I will be contacting a lot of you to make a donation for this important cause. I want to thank the following students for taking time to help my mom and me by walking in the fund raiser: Rich Cheever, Eric Carlisle, Erin Colton, Melanie Colton, Glenn Deitsch, Janell Humason, Doug Jacobs, Danny Juodvalkis, Vlad Litt, Denise Martin, Jess Newton, Manny Ruiz, Ed Shatzen, The Segó Family, Renate Schulz, Mark Vanvakaris and Kimo Williams.