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## Cancer awareness run Saturday

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Saturday morning will bring the culmination of another year of work for Jeanne Lambert, and her cause is something you might not have heard of.

Lambert, a Fort Collins resident and carcinoid cancer survivor, is the race director for the second annual Run for Hope, a 5K event that will raise awareness and money to fight the rare disease.

About 5,000 to 6,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with carcinoid cancer each year, Lambert said, and that low number makes for an overlooked illness.

Lambert, a former Harmony Surgery Center nurse, was shocked at the time of her diagnosis in 2004 - she didn't even know carcinoid existed.

"I'd never heard of carcinoid ... I didn't know what it was," she said. "And then when I got online there was just so little known about it. A lot of people were saying that it was a chronic disease, and as I read on I found out it was more than that."

Carcinoid is a slow-growing cancer found mostly in the gastrointestinal system. Because of its rarity and the frequency of its symptoms related to other conditions, carcinoid often is misdiagnosed.

Following her diagnosis, Lambert took action.

For Lambert, the race - which starts 8 a.m. Saturday at City Park - is about making people aware of the disease and letting fellow survivors know that they are not alone.

The race director pinpointed one man in Denver who exemplified her motives in putting on the 5K.

**Run for Hope**  
When: 8 a.m.  
Where: City Park  
Fees: \$20 to \$30  
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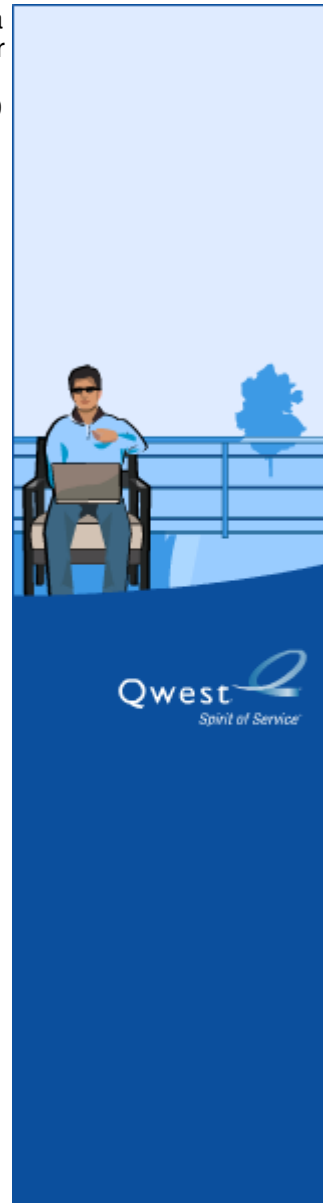


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"He touched my heart," Lambert said of Gene, a fellow carcinoid survivor who contacted her after hearing about the race. "He said 'I want you to know that I have been fighting this cancer for 19 years, and I thought I was alone.' "

"It (the race) is not about the numbers," she said. "It's about the Genes of this world ... that's the why."



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