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## Neighbors

### **SCU, American Cancer Society team up for fundraiser**

Scott Credit Union has teamed up with the American Cancer Society in an effort to raise money to fight cancer and create a world with more birthdays.

Scott Credit Union has been selected to be the presenting sponsor and is currently working on plans for a March 1 Mardi Gras Ball fund raiser with a goal of raising over \$80,000 for the fight against cancer.

This year's annual Mardi Gras Ball event will be held beginning at 6pm on Saturday, March 1 in the Lewis and Clark Commons in Godfrey. The black tie optional event will feature an elegant dinner, live and silent auctions, and entertainment from the band The Ultra Violets.

"We are extremely proud and honored to have been asked to help support this event," said SCU President & CEO Frank Padak, who is the Chairman of the Mardi Gras Ball. "Our goal is to raise more than

\$80,000 through ticket sales, sponsors, and the live and silent auction. We hope that people from throughout our area will help us in the effort to save lives against this disease that has already taken so many."

Gori Julian & Associates in Edwardsville has signed on as a Premier Sponsor of this year's event.

"We are currently offering sponsorships for the event to area businesses interested in helping in the fight against cancer," Padak added. "We also are working with area businesses to come up with some exciting and unique live and silent auction items. We are hopeful that both auctions will raise a substantial amount of money."

Tickets for the event are available for \$75 per person or \$750 for a table. To sponsor, donate an item or purchase tickets for the event, contact Brett Schuette at the American Cancer Society at 288-2320 ext 218 or email him at [brett.schuette@cancer.org](mailto:brett.schuette@cancer.org).

"We are hoping to have about 300 people in attendance that evening," Padak noted. "It will be a very nice evening. In addition to the dinner

and entertainment, we also will have a few other opportunities for attendees to make donations and win some nice prizes."

For more information about the Mardi Gras Ball fund raiser, visit [www.acsmardigrasball.com](http://www.acsmardigrasball.com).