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Climbing For A Cause: Space Needle Opens Registration for 6th Annual *Base 2 Space* Stair Climb

Signature Seattle event returns after a two-year hiatus to raise money for cancer research

SEATTLE – Friday, June 17, 2022 – Registration is now open for the Space Needle’s 6th annual Base 2 Space stair climb, returning for the first time since 2019. The 605-foot tower has partnered again with Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center to host *Seattle’s Most Iconic Climb* on Sunday, October 2, 2022. On the morning of October 2, the public will have the long-awaited opportunity to climb up 832 steps from the base of the Space Needle to the Observation Deck. One hundred percent of donations raised from the event will benefit Fred Hutch.

“We’re thrilled to have Seattle’s iconic stair climb back to bring the community together again,” said Space Needle CEO Ron Severt. “After several years of not having the event due to the pandemic, it feels good to rally around this amazing cause for Fred Hutch and all they do for cancer research. For all the climbers patiently waiting the past few years, and to those who always wanted to climb to the top of the Space Needle but never have, this is your chance! You can make a difference and help those in our community.”

The event is open to runners and walkers eight years of age and older. Participants will climb 832 steps, starting at ground level and ending at the Observation Deck, located 520 feet above Seattle. Take in the amazing views of downtown Seattle, Mt. Rainier and the surrounding area’s beauty as you make your way to the top. The Space Needle’s dual spiral staircases wrap around the inner core of the structure and are open-air, providing access to fresh air and 360-degree views all the way to the top.

This year, Space Needle has several options for registration. To sign up, each participant must pay a registration fee. Registration before August 23 will get a discounted early bird rate of \$75 for adults. After August 23, the cost for adults will rise to \$89. For kids (age 8-17), there is a flat registration fee of \$60. Each participant must fundraise a minimum of \$100 for kids and \$175 for adults in donations to participate. Registration is available online at www.SeattleBase2Space.com. The website has

information and frequently asked questions to help climbers prepare for the event and provide fundraising tips to maximize the impact in supporting Fred Hutch.

“As a fairly new Seattleite, I can’t wait to make my first climb to the top of the Space Needle,” said Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center President and Director, Dr. Thomas J. Lynch Jr., who holds the Raisbeck Endowed Chair. “The return of Base 2 Space is an incredible opportunity to honor loved ones affected by cancer and raise funds for research and care. On behalf of everyone at Fred Hutch, a huge ‘thank you’ to the Space Needle Foundation for bringing our community back together for Seattle’s most iconic climb!”

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About the Space Needle

Built as the centerpiece and inspiration for the 1962 Seattle World’s Fair, the Space Needle has since become a part of the Seattle experience and the globally-recognized icon for the city. The Space Needle’s recent \$100 million renovation added more than 176 tons of glass to the structure offering unparalleled views of Seattle, and houses The Loupe — the world’s first revolving glass floor. Open year-round, the Space Needle hosts more than a million visitors per year. For more information visit: spaceneedle.com/press.

About Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center is an independent, nonprofit, unified adult cancer care and research center that is clinically integrated with UW Medicine, a world leader in clinical care, research and learning. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center was created in April 2022 by the merger of longtime partners, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Together, our fully integrated research and clinical care teams seek to discover new cures for the world’s deadliest diseases and make life beyond cancer a reality.

Want to get involved? Whether you participate in a study, join a virtual event, donate, or share our work, your contribution helps. Learn more at fredhutch.org.

About the Space Needle Foundation

As a subsidiary of the Seattle Foundation, the Space Needle Foundation is committed to elevating our community’s collective future by supporting organizations who are at the forefront of transforming lives and make a positive difference in the Puget Sound region.

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