

AWARENESS RIBBON MEANINGS

Below is a list of some ribbons and the causes they can represent. The list does not have every ribbon, but it's a start if you would like to do a program or bulletin board about awareness:

Yellow (yellow ribbon): cancer, missing person and missing children ("amber alert"), deployed soldiers ("support our troops", POW/MIA, Gulf War), equality, endometriosis, teen suicide, suicide prevention, spina bifida (pale yellow), adoptive parents.

Black (black ribbon): in memoriam / mourning / melanoma, anti-gang, anti-terrorism in Spain, POW-MIAs, Suicide

Cream spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)

Blue (blue ribbon): drunk driving, education, anti-tobacco, anti-second hand smoke, North Korean abductions of Japanese, freedom of speech

Dark Blue child abuse prevention, colon cancer, water quality, crime victim rights, arthritis, histiocytosis, domestic violence, water safety (flooding, drowning, and accidents), acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), interstitial cystitis, Epstein-Barr virus (EBV), hurricane support, police officers lost in the line of duty ("The Thin Blue Line")

Light Blue prostate cancer, Edward's syndrome, scleroderma, Graves-Basedow Disease, Pro Choice, Thyroid Disease, lymphedema, trisomy 18

Brown: colorectal cancer, anti-tobacco

Gold: childhood cancer

Gray: diabetes, brain cancer/brain tumors, asthma and allergies, Aphasia, generic ("Support A Cause")

Green: health, ecology/environment, organ & tissue donor, prostate cancer, ovarian cancer, missing children, open records for adoptees, leukemia, depression (both adults and children), safe driving, bipolar disorder, mental health or illness, eye injuries, bone marrow transplants and donation, roadway construction worker and driving safety, glaucoma, kidney cancer or kidney disease, neural tube defects, mitochondrial disease, brain injury, growth and rebuilding, cerebral palsy

Light Green: chronic pelvic pain, celiac disease

Lime Green: lymphoma, Lyme disease, muscular dystrophy (wristband only), Sandhoff disease

Forest Green/blue edging: cerebral palsy awareness, Tsunami Relief

Green with Red and White stripe: solidarity with Free Chechnya

Denim: solidarity with the pro-democracy movement in Belarus

Jade: Jade Ribbon Campaign spreads information about hepatitis B (HBV) and liver cancer in Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities

Lace: osteoporosis

Orange: the Ukrainian Orange Revolution of 2004, hunger awareness, lupus, racial tolerance, cultural diversity, leukemia, feral cats, motorcyclist safety, multiple sclerosis (wristband only), self injury, Agent Orange exposure, roadway construction worker safety (particularly honoring those who died on the job), Anti Disengagement Plan (Israel)

Peach: endometrial cancer, uterine cancer



Periwinkle: pulmonary hypertension, eating disorders, stomach cancer, GERD, IBS



Pink: breast cancer, birth parents

Purple: Alzheimer's disease, Epilepsy, pancreatic cancer, Fibromyalgia, domestic violence, Pagan Pride, Children with disabilities, religious tolerance, animal abuse, the victims of 9/11 (includes police and firefighters), Crohn's disease and colitis, cystic fibrosis, leiomyosarcoma, macular degeneration, Sjogren's syndrome, lupus, sarcoidosis, the homeless, thyroid disease, ADD/ADHD, cancer survivor

Puzzle piece ribbon: Autism awareness

Red: HIV/AIDS (World AIDS Day), DUI awareness, MADD / DARE, substance abuse, epidermolysis bullosa, Pro-Life, love, heart disease (also uses the red dress symbol), Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD)/Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) (WPW)

Red, White, & Blue: patriotism, 9/11 victims, safety (USA)

Red, White and Red: leukemia & lymphoma



Sheer w/Gold: lung cancer

Silver: abuse of the elderly, Parkinson's disease, children with disabilities, any diseases or disorders of the brain including mental illness and strokes

Teal: Native American reparations (or turquoise ribbon); myasthenia gravis; ovarian, cervical, uterine, and all other gynecological cancers; substance abuse; sexual violence; polycystic ovarian syndrome; spaying and neutering pets, Tourette syndrome

White: peace, adoption (adoptee), student sexual assault, child exploitation and abuse (including child pornography on the Internet), free speech, purity, Alzheimer's disease, lung cancer, retinoblastoma, multiple sclerosis, innocence, victims of terrorism, right to life, diabetes, bone disease and bone cancer, Pope John Paul II ("Rest In Peace"), poverty awareness (especially the Make Poverty History and ONE Campaign)