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**Galloway Township, NJ** – When he's not in the classroom, Tait Chirenje, Associate Professor of Environmental Science, is a busy individual. He can be found hiking, backpacking, camping, doing field study work with his students, researching, dancing, and recently added running onto his crowded plate.

Chirenje is currently training for January's Miami Half Marathon through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program. Chirenje is running to raise funds to help find a cure for blood cancers. As he is running, he is also fighting blood cancer himself.

As a Team in Training member, Chirenje has set a fundraising goal, trains daily and works with a certified Team in Training coach with other participants training for upcoming marathons.

The Stockton professor has pledged to raise \$3,200 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. To help him reach the goal, he partnered with Jean Canavan in Stockton Event Services to organize

Danielle Cordery, a certified coach with Team in Training who is overseeing Chirenje's training regimen, runs with Tait every Saturday morning. She said, "Tait is fighting and running. His drive and motivation is absolutely amazing."

There is a minimum donation of \$12 required for Stockton faculty and staff and \$6 for students. For those who are unable to attend the event, but would like to make a contribution to the cause, donations can be made online at <http://pages.teamintraining.org/nj/miami13/tchirenje>.

"Tait signed up in August, began training a few weeks before Labor Day and has been going strong ever since," Cordery said. She shares Tait's and others' stories to help motivate more people to make a difference.

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