Nearly 52,000 Lights of Hope honored loved ones in communities nationwide as part of ACS CAN’s 10th annual Lights of Hope event.

Nearly 200,000 Lights of Hope across America

Thanks to successful campaigns led by ACS CAN and our public health partners, voters in two states elected to expand Medicaid, increasing access to affordable, quality health care for an estimated 430,000 people.

ACCS CAN Volunteeers

Nearly 300,000 volunteers engaged with ACS CAN this year to support our advocacy efforts.

Virtual Public Policy Forums

More than 5,000 corporate and individual stakeholders engaged in nearly 60 virtual public policy forums nationwide that highlighted the importance of cancer research, affordability of cancer care, and reducing health disparities.

Equitable Access to Clinical Trials

Congress unanimously passed the Henrietta Lacks Enhancing Cancer Research Act to identify federal policy barriers to clinical trial enrollment faced by traditionally underrepresented groups, including communities of color.

Increase in Federal Research Funding

Leading the cancer advocacy community, ACS CAN influenced passage of a bipartisan funding bill that included a $1.25 billion increase in medical research funding at the National Institutes of Health, including a nearly $120 million increase for the National Cancer Institute.

Increase in State and Local Appropriations

ACS CAN helped secure and protect nearly $1.4 billion in appropriations at the state and local levels, including $795 million to fund lifesaving tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

Eliminated Surprise Out-of-Pocket Costs

After 10 years of advocacy, a new law will eliminate surprise out-of-pocket costs for preventive colorectal cancer screenings in Medicare.

Survivor Views: COVID-19 Impact

ACS CAN captured the experiences and voices of cancer patients and survivors through our unique Survivor Views initiative, highlighting the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on their ability to access lifesaving care and garnering high-profile media coverage of the cancer patient perspective.

Read the full report at fightcancer.org/accomplishments