

LEGISLATIVE AMBASSADOR GUIDEBOOK



- **Massachusetts** -

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Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.

Erma Bombeck



A letter from our State Lead Volunteer

Dear New Legislative Ambassador,

Welcome to the Massachusetts ACS CAN volunteer team!

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is an incredible organization to volunteer with. I should know, I've been a volunteer since 2006! ACS CAN's mission is to pass laws and regulations that will help prevent cancer, care for those with cancer, and find cures and treatment for cancer. Their mission empowers us to be the voice of cancer patients with our lawmakers. And WE are the power of the organization.

I know at first glance this Guidebook may seem overwhelming. Stop, breathe, and know that we aren't giving you this to memorize or read cover to cover. Your ACT! Lead will go over every section of this Guidebook with you as part of your training. We are a team, and we work together to end cancer!

As an ACS CAN volunteer, you are an Ambassador of our mission and a critical partner in helping advance our mission. Our mission is to defeat cancer through making it a top national priority. ACS CAN entrusts this mission to us, their volunteers, because we are uniquely able to appeal to our federal and state elected officials. You have a personal story to share. Your story is an essential tool you can use to remind your communities of the importance of increased funding for research, screenings and improved quality of life for cancer patients and their loved ones.

As you become familiar with your role, please be sure to talk with me, with your state staff partner and with your ACT! Lead and let us know how we might support you.

Thank you for stepping into this role, thank you for the time you give, and thank you for being the voice of cancer patients in your community. We're excited to have you on our team!

Best,

Patti Morris
Lead Volunteer, Massachusetts

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in".

~Author Unknown

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