

2021 ACS CAN IMPACT AT A GLANCE

For 20 years, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) has empowered volunteers to make their voices heard and influence public policy change that saves lives from cancer. In 2021, we achieved meaningful impact in our mission to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families nationwide by advocating at every level of government.

More than **266,000 volunteers nationwide** engaged with ACS CAN this year to support our advocacy efforts.

266,000+
ACS CAN
VOLUNTEERS



2,700
STAKEHOLDERS
ENGAGED IN OUR
MISSION

Nearly **2,700 corporate and individual stakeholders** engaged in our cancer mission through **40+ virtual public policy forums** highlighting the importance of cancer research, affordability of cancer care and reducing health disparities.

55,000 Lights of Hope honored loved ones in communities nationwide as part of ACS CAN's **11th annual Lights of Hope event**.

55,000
LIGHTS OF HOPE
ACROSS AMERICA



30+
NEW ORGANIZATIONS
IN PAID LEAVE
COALITION

Knowing that **74% of people with cancer and survivors have missed work** due to their illness, ACS CAN established the **Patients and Caregivers for Paid Leave Coalition** with 30+ organizations, robustly advocating for a national paid family and medical leave program.

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We continue to fiercely advocate to **expand access to care through Medicaid for an estimated 2.2 million low-income individuals** to close the coverage gap in the 12 non-expansion states.

**FIGHTING FOR
2.2 Million
INDIVIDUALS IN THE
MEDICAID COVERAGE GAP**



**100+
STORIES FROM
PATIENTS AND
SURVIVORS**

ACS CAN elevated the voices of people with cancer and survivors, showcasing 100+ stories of **individuals**, families and communities **who benefited from Medicaid programs** and **those who experienced barriers to health care**.

ACS CAN helped secure and protect **\$1.4 billion in appropriations** at the state and local levels, including more than \$735 million to fund lifesaving tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

**\$1.4 Billion
IN APPROPRIATIONS**



**DIVERSE AND
INCLUSIVE
REPRESENTATION**

We worked extensively to further ACS CAN's diverse and inclusive representation of all people with cancer, launching a **Spanish-language website**, establishing a **Black Volunteer Caucus**, **recruiting new Black volunteers online**, and partnering with the **Congressional Tri-Caucus** to advance legislation to promote health equity.

ACS CAN led advocacy efforts in Illinois for the **first-in-the-nation passage of ACS CAN model legislation to increase insurance coverage of biomarker testing**, an essential step in improving cancer outcomes by expanding access to precision medicine.

**FIRST-IN-THE-NATION
LEGISLATION**

