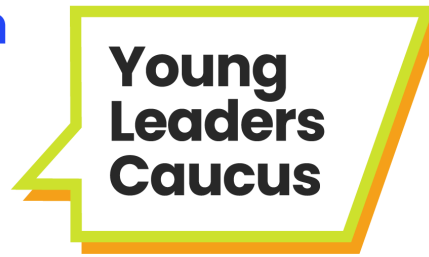


Young Leaders Caucus Newsletter



May 2024

Did you miss last month's quarterly call?

Don't worry! We have summarized some of the key takeaways and notes from the call in this month's edition of the Young Leaders Caucus Newsletter!

 [Watch The Full Recording Here](#) 

[Stories of Young Adult Survivorship](#) | Monday, June 3 | 5:00PM PT / 8:00PM ET

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) and ACS CAN's Young Leaders Caucus (YLC) are hosting a virtual event focused on adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer survivorship, and the challenges faced by this group, including social and emotional issues, implications for school or work, financial stress, fertility questions, and more. Life after cancer is important to understand, as cancer journeys do not end when treatment ends.

Approximately 80,000 young adults aged 20 to 39 are diagnosed with cancer each year, making up about 5% of all cancer diagnoses in the US. The adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer community differs from young pediatric and older adult patients, and knowing the uniqueness of this population is critical in understanding how to best support these patients.

Four survivors will candidly share their stories in hopes of bringing understanding to these issues, improving cancer survivorship for others through awareness and advocacy. The conversation will conclude with information on Cancer Votes and how voters can get involved.

[Register Today for Stories of Young Adult Survivorship](#)

Cancer Votes

The Cancer Votes 2024 program is LIVE! All ACS CAN volunteers can register as Cancer Votes volunteers, where they can participate in Cancer Votes activities now through the November election. Efforts will focus on federal races - Presidential, Senate, and House, asking candidates to sign the "Cancer Promise" to pledge their support for evidence-based policies to support ending cancer as we know it, for everyone. Here are the four steps to get started:

- Take the training <https://www.cancervotes.org/training>.
- Receive your Cancer Votes Volunteer Kit in the mail (includes a T-shirt, yard sign, button, and palm card with the Cancer Promise and questions).
- Check your inbox for Cancer Votes assignments, campaigns, and incentives throughout the year!
- Join the #cancervotes channel in our Slack to collaborate throughout the year on Cancer Votes activities and help influence incentive and challenge programs!

Tobacco Control

Last year, ACS CAN won a ruling against major tobacco companies which requires 200,000 stores across the country to put up signage warning consumers of the dangers of tobacco usage. ACS CAN has asked for our help in checking to see if those stores are following the rules, and we are planning some widespread activation to get us out and checking! If you want to help plan, message Megha Mathur on Slack, and keep an eye on the #general channel for opportunities to make a difference!

Voices of Hope

There is an exciting new opportunity to recognize powerful voices in the fight against cancer! Voices of Hope is an ACS program that allows cancer survivors, caregivers, and anyone else to share their cancer story and be one of the faces of ACS. They are making a real push to increase the youth and diversity of their stories, and they want to work with us! If you have a story you feel comfortable sharing or know of someone who does, please nominate them/yourself [here](#)!

Stay Connected and Join the Slack!

In addition to the work, the Young Leaders Caucus is about community - so join ours!

If you haven't already, [join us on Slack](#) and stay up-to-date on all of the ACS CAN action, get involved in a working group, or just meet new people. Of course, don't forget to introduce yourself in the #introductions channel!

Volunteer for ACS CAN

Outside of the Young Leaders Caucus, there are volunteers working across the country to help ACS CAN achieve its legislative priorities. Visit fightcancer.org to find your state team, learn more about the work, or find other unique ways to get involved!

Share with Others

Do you know other young ACS CAN leaders? If so, invite them to join the Young Leaders Caucus!

Just forward this email to friends or colleagues and invite them to fill out the [Young Leaders Caucus Interest Form](#). Once they complete the form, a member of our team will reach out and get them connected. It's that easy!