

# 2022 ACS CAN IMPACT AT A GLANCE



For 21 years, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) has engaged volunteers to make their voices heard to influence public policy change that saves lives. In 2022, we achieved meaningful impact in our goal to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families nationwide by advocating at every level of government to end cancer as we know it, for everyone.

Led the cancer community to secure a total of **\$7.32 billion** for cancer research at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), including a **\$408 million** increase as part of a **\$2.5 billion** increase for biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to help lead to innovative future therapies.

**\$7.32 billion**  
**FOR CANCER**  
**RESEARCH FUNDING**



**\$1.93 billion**  
**IN STATE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**

Protected and secured **\$1.93 billion** in state appropriations through advocacy to help fund cancer research and programs that reduce the tobacco burden and increase access to screenings.

Launched a digital and social media campaign on **Medicaid expansion**, with the animated film, **Access Denied: The Injustice of the Medicaid Coverage Gap**, which garnered over **19.8k** views on social media platforms and generated more than **2,400** new Medicaid expansion advocates.

**2,400+**  
**NEW ADVOCATES**  
**FOR MEDICAID**  
**EXPANSION**



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**65,000+**  
LIGHTS  
OF HOPE

Over **65,000 Lights of Hope** honored loved ones in communities nationwide as part of ACS CAN's 12th annual Lights of Hope event.

Helped strengthen tobacco control laws nationwide with **62.3%** of the U.S. population now protected from secondhand smoke exposure by local or statewide smoke-free laws.

**62.3%**  
OF POPULATION  
PROTECTED FROM  
SECONDHAND SMOKE



**42,000**  
SOUTH DAKOTANS  
GAINED ACCESS  
TO MEDICAID

Successfully led strategic campaigns, including passage of a ballot initiative, making South Dakota the **39th state to expand Medicaid** health insurance coverage eligibility for **over 42,000** people.

ACS CAN volunteers took more than **240,000 online actions** in support of our legislative priorities.

**240,000+**  
ONLINE ACTIONS

