

# FUNDING THE CANCER FIGHT

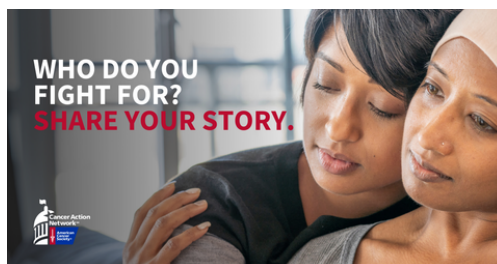
**BRINGING PATIENT VOICES  
TO STATE CAPITOLS AND  
THE NATION'S CAPITOL**

**\$1.75 MILLION**



**ADVANCING OUR CANCER ADVOCACY  
AGENDA AT THE FEDERAL,  
STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS**

**\$1 MILLION**



**TRAINING OUR STAFF  
AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS**

**\$750,000**



**SUPPORTING ADVOCACY  
CAMPAIGNS THROUGH ADVERTISING  
AND POLICY REPORTS**

**\$1 MILLION+**



# ACS CAN IMPACT

## COMPREHENSIVE SMOKE-FREE LAWS



- ACS CAN has played a significant role in statewide smoke-free campaigns, partnering with state and local coalitions to urge our lawmakers to pass comprehensive smoke-free laws.
- Currently, 1,150 localities and 28 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands have laws in effect that require all non-hospitality workplaces, restaurants, and bars to be 100% smoke-free.
- 62.3% of the U.S. population is protected from secondhand smoke exposure by local or statewide smoke-free laws.

## ACCESS TO CARE



- ACS CAN advocates for policies that increase access to high-quality, affordable health insurance coverage so all patients can access the preventive services, care and treatment they need.
- In 2021, ACS CAN continued to fiercely advocate to expand access to care through Medicaid for the estimated 2.2 million low-income individuals and close the coverage gap in the 12 non-expansion states.
- ACS CAN also successfully ensured the American Rescue Plan included policies to make health coverage more affordable for millions of Americans, including increased subsidies to cover the costs of marketplace health plans.

## FUNDING FOR MISSION-CRITICAL PROGRAMS

- ACS CAN works nationwide to protect and increase funding for cancer research, prevention and early detection programs.
- ACS CAN helped secure and protect more than \$1.4 billion in appropriations at the state and local levels, including more than \$735 million to fund lifesaving tobacco prevention and cessation programs.
- In 2021, ACS CAN successfully advocated to increase or protect funding for breast and cervical cancer early detection programs in 43 states, especially important as part of the nationwide effort to boost cancer screening rates in light of delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.



## PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

- A recent ACS CAN survey found that 74% of cancer patients and survivors have missed work due to their illness. In 2021, we partnered with more than 30 organizations to establish the Patients and Caregivers for Paid Leave Coalition, robustly advocating for a national paid family and medical leave program.



## HEALTH EQUITY

- ACS CAN partnered with the Congressional Tri-Caucus to advance legislation that promotes health equity for all communities, including addressing barriers to diverse patient participation in cancer clinical trials.

