

# VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

## AFFINITY GROUPS



*The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is committed to ensuring everyone has a fair and just opportunity to prevent find, treat, and survive cancer. We know that cancer impacts everyone, but it doesn't impact everyone equally, and that is why diversity, equity, and inclusion are vital to ending cancer as we know it, for everyone. ACS CAN is centering the lived experiences and voices of our diverse volunteer leaders through our affinity groups that enhance, strengthen, and diversify communications, messaging, partnerships, policy initiatives, and volunteer outreach, training, and engagement within their communities.*

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**The Black Volunteer Caucus (BVC)** works to decrease death and suffering from cancer, specifically in the Black community, and ensure no one is disadvantaged in the fight against cancer. The BVC engages in meaningful outreach, recruitment, advocacy, and policy work nationally and locally. BVC members give voice to the unequal burden of cancer and lift up the Black community through sharing their stories, shaping messaging, facilitating trainings, and hosting awareness and advocacy events centered on identifying disparities and policy solutions. [fightcancer.org/BVC](https://fightcancer.org/BVC)

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**The LGBTQIA+ & Allies Engagement Group** provides a learning, strategy, and idea exchange for people that are working to increase awareness and advance policies that address the unique challenges and cancer disparities LGBTQIA+ communities face. The Engagement Group advises ACS CAN on initiatives that impact LGBTQIA+ communities through supporting volunteer outreach and engagement strategies, increasing awareness, and providing information and resources for specific communities, volunteers, and partners. [fightcancer.org/LGBTQIA](https://fightcancer.org/LGBTQIA)

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**The ACSí Se Puede Hispanic/Latino Advocacy Alliance** works to reduce cancer disparities in Hispanic/Latino communities and guides ACS CAN's initiatives and campaigns through increasing awareness, strengthening partnerships, influencing public policy priorities, diversifying messaging and materials, and recruiting and engaging volunteers that reflect the unique heritages, cultural backgrounds, and lived experiences of our diverse communities. [fightcancer.org/ACSisepuede](https://fightcancer.org/ACSisepuede) y [juntoscontraalcancer.org/ACSisepuede](https://juntoscontraalcancer.org/ACSisepuede)

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**The Asian American & Pacific Islander Volunteer Caucus** is engaging and involving Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in ACS CAN to advance representation, reduce disparities, and reflect generational and language differences in our unique communities. [fightcancer.org/AAPICAUCUS](https://fightcancer.org/AAPICAUCUS)

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**The Young Leaders Caucus (YLC)** is the ideal space for volunteers, aged 18-35, to connect and engage in cancer advocacy throughout the year. The YLC fosters opportunities to connect young people to the work of ACS CAN and to others with similar interests. We work to elevate the perspectives of young people, including cancer survivors, about childhood and AYA, to inform and influence ACS CAN priorities and considerations. [fightcancer.org/YLC](https://fightcancer.org/YLC)

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**The Indigenous Volunteer Voices (IVV)** works to end the cancer burden among Native peoples by advocating for policies that honor our unique histories, wisdoms, cultures, and traditions. [fightcancer.org/IVV](https://fightcancer.org/IVV)

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