



## **ACS CAN Legislative Ambassador**

### **Summary**

Legislative Ambassadors are an important member of ACS CAN's volunteer team. Ambassadors work with staff and volunteer leaders in their state to establish personal, ongoing relationships with elected officials to advance policy change around cancer issues. They play an important role in making the fight against cancer a top priority with federal, state, and local elected officials.

Some of ACS CAN's major campaigns include increasing funding for cancer research, prevention, and screening programs, passing laws to reduce the burden of tobacco, and building programs to address health disparities and improve the quality of life for those affected by cancer. Our volunteers work in teams at the local level to build relationships with elected officials and share their stories. Our highly organized volunteer program provides access to trainings, tools, and resources to amplify our voices and our impact.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Help ACS CAN explain the impact of cancer by sharing your personal cancer story with elected officials
- Respond to and share ACS CAN action alerts
- Participate in annual advocacy trainings and monthly volunteer calls
- Send a letter of introduction to your elected officials and notes throughout the calendar year
- Attend annual state Cancer Action Day and meet with your state lawmakers
- Help amplify our voice in the media by submitting letters to the editor to local media with staff guidance
- Help build our state team and recruit new ACS CAN volunteers
- Represent ACS CAN in the community at local Relay for Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events
- Help fund our mission and participate in ACS CAN fundraising efforts including Lights of Hope, our signature event
- Use the Ambassador Action Center to self-report your volunteer actions, so that we can measure the collective impact of ACS CAN volunteers

**Time Commitment:** 1-5 hours per month



## **ACS CAN ACT Lead (Ambassador Constituent Team Lead)**

### **Summary**

ACT Leads are important leaders on our ACS CAN volunteer team. ACT Leads are the volunteer point person in their Congressional District and coordinate Ambassador volunteers in support of local, state, and federal grassroots campaigns. They work directly with the State Lead Ambassador and other ACT Leads from across their state and country to influence lawmakers and get laws passed.

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### **Responsibilities:**

- Lead volunteer teams in the local community to build relationships with elected officials
- Help ACS CAN explain the impact of cancer by sharing your personal cancer story with elected officials
- Respond to and share ACS CAN action alerts
- Participate in annual advocacy trainings and monthly volunteer calls
- Send a letter of introduction to your elected officials and notes throughout the calendar year
- Attend annual state Cancer Action Day in your state capitol and annual Leadership Summit & Lobby Day in Washington D.C.
- Help amplify our voice in the media by submitting letters to the editor to local media with staff guidance
- Attend/speak at legislative hearings and State House sessions as needed
- Help build our state teams by recruiting new ACS CAN volunteers
- Represent ACS CAN in the community at local Relay for Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events
- Help fund our mission and participate in ACS CAN fundraising efforts including Lights of Hope, our signature event
- Use the Ambassador Action Center to self-report your volunteer actions, so that we can measure the collective impact of ACS CAN volunteers

**Time Commitment:** 5-10 hours per month; out of state travel is required once a year