



2013 Kansas Report to the Community

We save lives and create more birthdays by helping people **stay well** and **get well**, by **finding cures**, and by **fighting back** against cancer.

We set the guidelines your doctor uses for early detection and prevention, and we work to promote cancer screenings.

We help patients and their families with their most pressing needs: getting rides to treatment, navigating the health care system, and dealing with the side effects of treatment. Whatever the need, we are here to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We are the largest private, not-for-profit funder of cancer research, contributing to nearly every major cancer research breakthrough in recent history, such as establishing the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. As a result, cancer-related deaths have declined by 20 percent since the early 1990s, saving more than 1.3 million birthdays in the United States.

Cancer is fought not just in the laboratory, but through public policy as well. Together with our nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM (ACS CAN), we have helped enact policies that prevent cancer, educate lawmakers on policies that provide access to quality and affordable health care, and encourage increased federal investment in cancer research.

Today, two out of three people diagnosed with cancer survive. Our goal is to make that three out of three. Together, we are working toward creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

Saving Lives in Kansas

- Our trained Cancer Information Specialists offered information, answers and support through our 24/7 toll-free information line to more than 4,045 callers in Kansas.
- Our network of volunteer drivers provided cancer patients more than 2,268 rides to cancer-related treatments and appointments.
- We provided free lodging to more than 394 cancer patients while they traveled away from home for treatment.
- ACS CAN staff and volunteers in Kansas worked to maintain funding for prevention and early detection programs and to uphold the state's clean indoor laws to protect workers from secondhand smoke.
- The American Cancer Society works with Kansas healthcare professionals in hospitals, state cancer programs, health insurance companies, and systems who provide care to the medically underserved to ensure their patients receive cancer screenings in order to prevent cancer from occurring or detect it early.
- Currently, the Society is investing more than \$1,777,000 in research grants in Kansas.

Across Douglas County

- Approximately 28 patients, survivors, and caregivers received information and resources through our Cancer Information Specialists.
- 14 patients received 653 transportation assistances through our Road To Recovery[®] program.
- 10 patients received 722 nights of free lodging through the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge[®] network when they had to travel away from home for cancer treatment.
- 15 local women diagnosed with cancer participated in the Look Good Feel Better[®] program. Each woman received a free beauty kit and the tools to help improve her self-image as she managed the side effects of cancer treatments.
- 9 local patients received a free Personal Health Manager Kit to guide them through their cancer journey. This tool helps patients organize and keep track of appointments, medications, test results, insurance, and bills, along with practical cancer-related information.
- 2 newly diagnosed breast cancer patients received one-on-one support from a survivor through the American Cancer Society Reach To Recovery[®] program.

To learn more about the American Cancer Society, or to get help, call us anytime, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.