ACS CAN
# California Volunteer Legislative Ambassador

## 2013 ACS CAN California Research Events

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| **San Diego Reception**  | Lynda Barbour  
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- **Bay Area Breakfast**: Friday, April 26, 2013  
  7:30 a.m.
- **Los Angeles**: Summer TBD
- **Sacramento Breakfast**: Thursday, June 27, 2013  
  Citizen Hotel
- **San Diego Reception**: Thursday, April 4, 2013  
  6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
  AMN Healthcare Corporate Office
Yes, I want to join ACS CAN in the fight to make cancer a top national priority!

Event Name: ________________________________
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A minimum contribution of $10 is required for membership:

☐ $10 ACS CAN Member  ☐ $20  ☐ $50  ☐ $100
☐ $250 Leader’s Circle  ☐ $500 Hero’s Circle  ☐ $1000 Champion’s Circle  ☐ Other $_________

Please choose a method of payment:

☐ CASH

☐ CHECK (TO AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CANCER ACTION NETWORK, INC OR ACS CAN)

☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS  ☐ DISCOVER  ☐ MASTERCARD  ☐ VISA

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Your gift along with this form can be sent to: ACS CAN • 980 9th Street, Ste 2200 • Sacramento, CA 95814

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Would you like more information about us?

Although our financial report is always sent free to anyone requesting a copy, certain States require us to advise you that a copy of our financial report is available from them.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Inc. (“ACS CAN”) is a Washington, DC not-for-profit corporation. The corporation’s mission includes eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through voter education and issue campaigns aimed at holding candidates and lawmakers accountable for their positions on cancer thus making the fight against cancer a high national priority. The ACS CAN office is located at 555 11th Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004. The information enclosed describes one or more of ACS CAN’s activities. A copy of ACS CAN’s latest financial report may be obtained by writing to ACS CAN, 555 11th Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004 or by calling 202-661-5700. If you are a resident of the following states, you may obtain information directly by contacting: **Florida:** A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATIONS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF ACS CAN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICE BY CALLING 1-800-435-7352, TOLL-FREE WITHIN THE STATE. ACS CAN’s registration number in Florida is SC-13501. **Georgia** - A full and fair description of the programs of our organization and our financial statement summary is available upon request at the office and phone number indicated above. **Maryland:** Copies of documents and information submitted by ACS CAN are available for the cost of copies and postage from the Secretary of State, Statehouse, Annapolis, MD 21401, 1-410-974-5534. **Mississippi:** The official registration and financial information of ACS CAN may be obtained from the Mississippi Secretary of State’s office by calling 1-888-236-6167. **New Jersey:** INFORMATION FILED WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING THIS CHARITABLE SOLICITATION AND THE PERCENTAGE OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHARITY DURING THE LAST REPORTING PERIOD THAT WERE DEDICATED TO THE CHARITABLE PURPOSE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY CALLING (973) 504-6215 AND IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/ocp.htm#charity. REGISTRATION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT. **New York:** New York residents may obtain a copy of ACS CAN’s annual report by writing to the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271. **North Carolina:** Financial information about ACS CAN and a copy of its license are available from the State Solicitation Licensing Branch at (888) 830-4989. **Pennsylvania:** The official registration and financial information of ACS CAN may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. **Virginia:** A financial statement for the most recent fiscal year is available upon request from the State Division of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23209; 1-804-786-1343. **Washington:** You may obtain additional financial disclosure information by contacting the Secretary of State at 1-800-332-GIVE. **West Virginia:** West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capital, Charleston, WV 25305.

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The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society. ACS CAN is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem and works to encourage lawmakers and candidates to support laws and policies that will make fighting cancer a top priority. We are leading a movement of cancer survivors and their loved ones by giving hope and power to everyone who cares about cancer and wants their government to act. Should you choose to give to ACS CAN more than once in a given calendar year, your donations will accrue towards a higher membership tier and additional ACS CAN membership benefits:

**ACS CAN Member—$10 to $249**
- ACS CAN Membership Card
- Legislative Toolkit (personalized listing of elected officials and instructions for taking action)

**Leader’s Circle—$250 to $499**
- ACS CAN Membership Card
- Legislative Toolkit (personalized listing of elected officials and instructions for taking action)
- ACS CAN Journal Notebook
- Acknowledgement in the annual *Advocacy Accomplishments Report*

**Hero’s Circle—$500 to $999**
- ACS CAN Membership Card
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- Hero’s Circle ACS CAN Lapel Pin

**Champion’s Circle—$1,000 to $2,999**
- ACS CAN Membership Card
- Legislative Toolkit (personalized listing of elected officials and instructions for taking action)
- ACS CAN Journal Notebook
- Acknowledgement in the annual *Advocacy Accomplishments Report*
- Champion’s Circle ACS CAN Lapel Pin

**President’s Circle—$3,000 to $9,999**
- All the benefits of the Champion’s Circle
- President's Circle ACS CAN Lapel Pin
- Regularly scheduled President’s Circle Conference Call with in-depth discussion about ACS CAN’s issues agenda
- Monthly Legislative Email Updates from ACS CAN President
- Invitation to attend the exclusive “Inside DC” President’s Circle trip as part of ACS CAN’s National Leadership Summit and Lobby Day
- Recognition on the National Donor’s Circle Plaque at ACS CAN Headquarters

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ACS CAN: Making a Difference and Saving Lives

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the nation's leading voice advocating for public policies that are helping to defeat cancer. As the advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top national priority. ACS CAN utilizes its expert capacity in lobbying, policy, grassroots, and communications to amplify the voices of patients in support of laws and policies that save lives from cancer.

What’s the Difference?

The American Cancer Society and ACS CAN are independent organizations that share the same goal: to save lives and to diminish suffering from cancer. ACS and ACS CAN take different routes to meet these shared goals.

What ACS CAN Does

- Leads a national grassroots movement of cancer survivors and their families to support policies that help fight cancer
- Works with lawmakers from all political parties at all levels of government to make cancer a national priority
- Joins with diverse stakeholder groups in public campaigns supporting our advocacy priorities
- Educates the public, lawmakers, candidates, and the media about cancer issues
- Funds research
- Provides cancer information to the public
- Educes the public on cancer treatment, prevention, and early detection
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You CAN Be Empowered

Defeating cancer is as much a matter of public policy as scientific discovery. Lawmakers play a critical role in determining how much progress we make as a country to defeating cancer. ACS CAN gives a voice to those impacted by cancer as they encourage lawmakers at all levels of government to join the fight to make cancer a national priority. By raising issues of importance, raising funds, educating voters and rallying others to the fight against cancer, ACS CAN unites and empowers you to make a difference and help save lives.

ACS CAN's work helps advance the Society's mission to defeat cancer by helping to protect and increase public investment in groundbreaking medical research, and by improving access nationwide to the latest prevention and early detection measures, treatments, and follow-up care that are proven to save lives.

Like cancer itself, ACS CAN is nonpartisan. ACS CAN does not endorse candidates or political parties, but it does educate voters by serving as a trusted source of information about candidate positions on cancer-related concerns and on key issue campaigns across the country that impact those affected by cancer.

ACS CAN in Action

ACS CAN helps to save lives from cancer through involvement, influence and impact.

Involvement – With a powerful grassroots movement of nearly a million strong and growing, ACS CAN ensures that the voices of patients, survivors and caregivers are heard in public policy debates in Congress and in state legislatures nationwide.

Influence – ACS CAN supports proven measures that help save lives and mobilizes cancer advocates in every state and every congressional district nationwide to hold lawmakers accountable to their constituents for the decisions they make related to cancer research, prevention, early detection and treatment.

Impact – ACS CAN’s work has resulted in enormous progress through increased funding for cancer research and prevention programs; stronger tobacco control policies nationwide and improved access to the full range of cancer care for people diagnosed with the disease and their families.

www.acscan.org
Your gift is critical to putting an end to cancer.

Your donation funds critical activities

♦ Issue campaigns to persuade lawmakers to support laws and policies proven to help people fight cancer
♦ Action alerts to connect you with elected officials when cancer-related legislation is considered
♦ Training for volunteers to make them effective advocates
♦ Voter guides to record candidate positions on cancer-related issues

Your voice is part of a nationwide movement

♦ Citizens need to take action to make cancer a national priority
♦ Only an organized movement united in its mission and relentless in its purpose can put cancer at the top of the national agenda
♦ ACS CAN is that movement, bringing together cancer survivors, patients, and caregivers as a unified force that is making the voice of the cancer community heard in the halls of government

Your support is critical

♦ Conquering cancer is as much a matter of public policy as scientific discovery, but elected officials aren’t doing all they can
♦ ACS CAN legislative victories help save lives by securing more research dollars; expanding access to prevention, early detection, and treatment; and enacting laws that reduce suffering and death from tobacco
♦ More can be done, but of the countless groups trying to influence laws and policies, only those with political muscle are able to make a difference

ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer. You may not wield a scalpel or discover a cure, but your determination, passion, and financial support will help ACS CAN save hundreds of thousands of lives. Join the ACS CAN nationwide movement today.

If one person can battle cancer, a nation can rise up to defeat it.

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Congress established the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) in 1990 to reduce breast and cervical cancer deaths among medically underserved women. This program, administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), brings lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings, information, and follow up services to women at highest risk – especially poor, low-income, and racial/ethnic minority women. Available in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 5 US territories, and 12 American Indian/Alaska Native organizations, NBCCEDP has provided almost 10.5 million screening exams to 4.2 million women, detecting approximately 52,000 breast cancers, 3,000 invasive cervical cancers, and 142,000 premalignant cervical lesions.

Breast and Cervical Cancer

- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women today.
- Finding breast and cervical cancer at an early stage increases the opportunity for effective treatment and patient survival.
- Uninsured and underinsured women have lower screening rates for mammograms and pap tests, resulting in a greater risk of being diagnosed at a later, more advanced, stage of disease.


Protecting the NBCCEDP

America’s healthcare system is changing. Starting in 2014, more people will gain coverage to quality affordable healthcare than ever before. However, many women will still fall through the cracks and need services provided through the NBCCEDP. A recent study by George Washington University showed that in 2014, there will be 4 million women eligible for cervical cancer screenings, which is five times more than the 800,000 women screened for cervical cancer between 2007 and 2009. Similarly, 1.7 million women will be eligible for breast cancer screening. That is more than three times the 520,000 women screened between 2008 and 2009.

Today, more than ever, it is important to increase funding for the NBCCEDP to ensure that all women have access to life saving cancer screenings both today and in the years to come. The American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM (ACS CAN) is advocating for increased funding to support the NBCCEDP. This year, ACS CAN is urging Congress for $275 million in total program funding.
California’s Breast and Cervical Cancer program provides free pap tests to women aged 25 to 64 and mammograms to women aged 40 to 64 who are uninsured, underinsured, and have income below 200% of the federal poverty level. From 2006-2010, California’s program detected 435 invasive breast cancers and 508 cervical cancers and precancerous lesions. Almost 90% of the women served are racial and ethnic minorities.


Breast and Cervical Cancer in California

- In 2012, it is estimated that breast and cervical cancer will account for 16% of new cancer cases in California.
- In 2012, it is estimated that 25040 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 1450 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer in California.
- In 2010, 59% of all women in California were screened for breast cancer and 87% were screened for cervical cancer. Those rates dropped significantly among uninsured women who were screened at 32% and 76% respectively.

4. George Washington University

Continued Need in California

The Affordable Care Act will provide American women with greater access to preventative evidence-based cancer screenings and treatment services by ensuring all women in new health plans will have access to mammograms and pap tests at no cost. However, gaps will still remain for women who are uninsured or underinsured. According to a new study completed by the George Washington University, it is estimated that over 499539 women will continue to lack access to cervical cancer screenings, and 229331 women will lack access to breast cancer screenings in California after 2014. Maintaining funding will preserve a critical safety net for thousands of women, who will remain uninsured or underinsured and will lack access to essential screening, diagnostic and treatment services. Women diagnosed through Every Woman Counts gain eligibility for comprehensive treatment services through the state Medicaid program and ACS CAN encourages policy makers to protect, preserve and maintain eligibility for this life-saving treatment program.

Call to Action

ACS CAN recognizes the enormous impact NBCCEDP has delivered in saving the lives of low-income, uninsured and underinsured women. Women will still be in need of these essential screenings in 2014, making continued and enhanced funding necessary in order to provide these services for all eligible women. Additional state and federal dollars are required to expand the capacity of the screening program so that no woman is denied these life-saving services.
Frequently Asked Questions

- **What’s the difference between the American Cancer Society and ACS CAN?**
  
  ACS CAN is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society. It was created to enable the steady growth of advocacy efforts that aim to eliminate cancer through legislative action. Because of the American Cancer Society’s 501(c)(3) status and IRS guidelines, it is unable to take on these efforts to the extent of ACS CAN.

- **How will ACS CAN do its part in eliminating cancer?**
  
  Among other legislative activities, ACS CAN will:
  
  o Create and distribute voter guides, detailing candidates’ positions on specific health-related issues, to ACS CAN volunteers and donors.
  o Host debates, town forums, and other events around the country where candidates’ views on cancer-related issues are tested and discussed
  o Engage in more active lobbying on cancer issues for all ACS constituents
  o Educate the public and media more directly about cancer and the political cancer agenda
  o Hold lawmakers accountable for their votes and voiced opinions regarding cancer issues

- **Does ACS CAN have a membership program and does it cost anything?**
  
  By becoming a member of ACS CAN, you join a nationwide grassroots organization dedicated to eliminating cancer. As a member, you will receive regular electronic newsletters to keep you informed and up-to-date on all ACS CAN progress. You may also be contacted to attend ACS CAN events, or be sent action alerts on important legislative issues asking you to take action by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, or making a phone call to an elected leader. The small $10 donation will fund ACS CAN legislative advocacy efforts to increase government funding of cancer research, prevention, and treatment programs. This fee also allows ACS CAN to issue advertisements and create constituent voter guides to put pressure on elected officials. Please note that donations to ACS CAN are not tax deductible.

- **Will ACS CAN take sides in the political arena?**
  
  No. ACS CAN is a nonpartisan organization that operates on a free-form, ideological basis aiming to find a cure for cancer on behalf of its constituents. ACS CAN will not:
  
  o Expressly endorse or advocate defeat of political candidates or political parties
  o Form Political Action Committees (PACs)
  o Contribute money to or on behalf of political candidates
• **How do I know when it is time to renew my ACS CAN membership?**

ACS CAN membership is valid for a full year after any contribution of $10 or more. ACS CAN will track your donations and send you a renewal notice before your membership expires to serve as a reminder and to offer options on how to renew. A few weeks after your first ACS CAN donation, you will receive a membership card with your “valid through” month and year printed on it. This date signifies how long your membership will last. If you donate $10 or more before that “valid through” date, your membership will be extended for one year from the date of your second gift. You will then receive a new membership card each time you donate to ACS CAN, with a new “valid through” month indicating your membership’s extended expiration date. The membership card will also have your individual ACS CAN ID number.

• **How do I find out more?**

Please visit [www.acscan.org](http://www.acscan.org) for more information and answers.

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