

2021 AT A GLANCE

DISCOVERY

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Here is some of what we were able to do:



NUMBER OF ACTIVE RESEARCH GRANTS

689

Launched the **Diversity in Cancer Research** program to improve diversity and inclusion in the field of cancer research.

INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH

\$395M

ADVOCACY

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Here are some of our greatest accomplishments:



MAJOR BILL PASSED IN LINE WITH ACS CAN'S ACCESS TO CARE PRIORITIES

American Rescue Plan

To date, protected or increased critical **Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program** funding in 39 states, which provided access to screening for people who cannot afford it.

Led years-long advocacy resulting in US Supreme Court upholding the **Affordable Care Act** and preserving patient protections.

PATIENT SUPPORT

2021 saw the reemergence of several support programs and continued investment in resources.

Here are some ways we supported patients:



FUNDING FOR CANCER-RELATED TRANSPORTATION & LODGING COSTS

\$6M

RESUMING CRITICAL PATIENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Reemergence of **Road to Recovery**, which offers free rides to treatment and appointments

Reopening of our **Hope Lodge** locations, providing free lodging for patients and caregivers traveling for treatment.



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U.S.
689

ILLINOIS
20

CURRENT INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH

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\$395M

ILLINOIS
\$13.4M+



LAUNCHED A NEW DIVERSITY IN CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM

We funded **32 summer interns** at **8 institutions** around the U.S., sparking innovation and igniting passion for research.



NEW PARENTAL LEAVE OPTION ADDED FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

To help sustain career growth and the research pipeline of talent, new parent Postdoctoral Fellows - both men and women - may elect to take up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave per year for the adoption, birth or fostering of a child.



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FEDERAL

ACS CAN volunteers conducted nearly **450 virtual meetings** with members of Congress and their staff to advocate for:

\$51.7B

funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including

\$7.6B

for the National Cancer Institute (NCI)



STATE

ILLINOIS HOUSE BILL 1779 PASSED

Legislation expands biomarker testing coverage - an essential step in accessing precision medicine treatments.

Biomarker testing uses information about a person's genes or proteins to prevent, diagnose, or treat diseases like cancer and improve cancer treatment and survival.

ILLINOIS HOUSE BILL 1745 PASSED

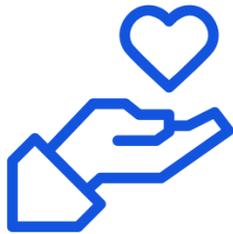
to ensure patients have the ability to plan and predict their prescription drug costs.

Illinois is the first state to pass this type of legislation.



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PROVIDED RAPID IMPACT GRANTS TO HEALTH SYSTEM PARTNERS

U.S.
\$6M

ILLINOIS
\$227,600

Grants empowered health systems to find patient-centered solutions to reduce barriers to treatment for their patients in ways that work in their local community.



ANSWERED THE CALL 24/7

Cancer Information Specialists assisted **500,000** people via the National Cancer Information Center (NCIC) helpline.

Available every minute of every day.
1-800-227-2345



RESUMED CRITICAL PATIENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Road to Recovery resumed in select counties around Chicago, offering free rides to treatment and appointments