



# 2014 Hawaii 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 Network<sup>SM</sup> (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 Hawaii

- Our trained Cancer Information Specialists offered information, answers and support through our 24/7 toll-free information line to more than 2071 callers in Hawaii.
- Our network of volunteer drivers provided 135 cancer patients more than 1039 rides to cancer-related treatments and appointments through our Road To Recovery<sup>®</sup> program. Additionally, we offered 143 patients vendor transportation assistance when no volunteers were available in a community or the distance was too great, such as traveling to another island.
- We provided lodging to more than 45 cancer patients and their caregiver while they traveled away from home for treatment. These guests received 154 nights through the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge<sup>®</sup> network and Guest Room program when they had to travel away from home for cancer treatment.
- 103 local women diagnosed with cancer participated in the Look Good Feel Better<sup>®</sup> 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.
- 1306 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.
- 67 newly diagnosed breast cancer patients received one-on-one support from a survivor through the American Cancer Society Reach To Recovery<sup>®</sup> program.
- ACS Cancer Action Network (CAN) staff and volunteers successfully lead the effort to protect the Hawaii tobacco trust fund, which continues to allow funding for anti-tobacco programs. Additionally, ACS CAN continued to advocate for funding for a breast cancer screening program that would provide low-income women with access to lifesaving cancer screenings.

## Saving Lives in Guam

- In 2014, 263 cancer patients received 718 services that included free information, programs and resources through the American Cancer Society.
- In 2014, Guam patients received approximately 215 free personal gift items to help offer comfort and guidance through each patient's cancer journey. These items often included: hat, turbans, books, and magazines.
- 37 patients and their caregivers received lodging assistance while they traveled away from home for treatment. These guests accessed 164 nights through our discounted lodging, allowing them to focus on recovery instead of the financial burden associated with traveling. 76 patients received assistance with airfare in 2014.

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](http://cancer.org).

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