



# Relay For Life 2023 Impact Report



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the largest cancer walk in the nation. For nearly 40 years, communities across the world have come together to raise funds to help end cancer as we know it, for everyone - and we have no intention of ever slowing down. Funds raised through Relay For Life events directly support research, education, advocacy, and services for people with cancer and their families.

## 2023 by the Numbers

- Relay For Life events (US): **1,204 events**
- Relay For Life countries (*including the US*): **31**
- Relay For Life participants in the US: approximately **165,000**
- Relay For Life dollars raised in the US: **\$68 million**
- Dollars raised since 1985: **\$6.9 billion**

## Thanks in Part to Funds Raised through Relay For Life

- More than **\$400 million invested in multi-year grants** at nearly 200 institutions
- **Free lodging provided at 32 Hope Lodge® communities** across the nation
- Approximately **300,000 calls and online chats** for support provided in 2022
- More than **305,000 free rides to treatment** provided through transportation grants in 2022

## Breakthrough Research Made Possible by Your Support

- Kevin C. Barry, PhD. - \$792,000 grant for boosting immune responses to melanoma, Fred Hutch Cancer Center
- Mallory Taylor, MD. MS. - \$729,000 grant for neuroimmune stress biomarkers in young adults with cancer, Seattle Children's Hospital
- Kathryn P. Lowry, MD. - \$583,200 grant for using AI for high-risk screening, University of Washington
- Rashmi Sharma, MD. MHS. - \$1.250 million grant for care inequities in advanced cancer & limited English-proficiency, University of Washington

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# Give with confidence.

In 2023, the Washington area raised more than \$4M to fund our mission to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families.

We provided **132** patients with 1101 rides to treatment in WA state with Road program

We provided \$135,000 in grants for transportation with 11 health systems in **2023, in WA**

We launched ACS Cares An interactive, one on one personalized support tool, that updates as you age, your situation changes, or new information becomes available.

We connected individuals to answers and support more than 4688 times in WA through NCIC

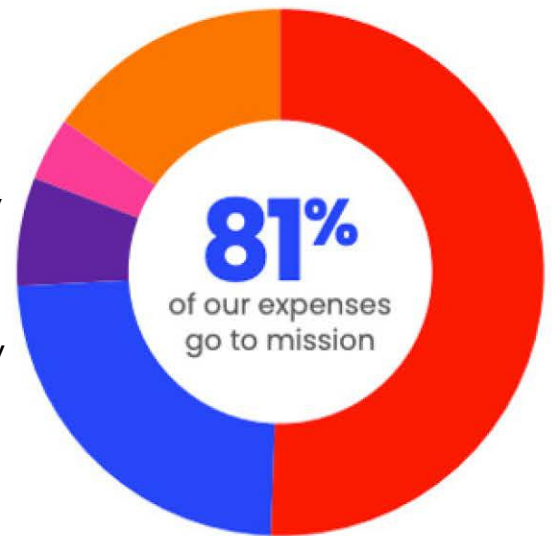
“I was on the verge of shutting down my laboratory. In a career-changing move for me, the American Cancer Society funded my first grant.”

**Dr. Gary Hammer, MD, PhD**  
ACS Research Grantee

Every year, 81% of our expenses go directly toward funding our mission to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families, through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

The American Cancer Society is proud to hold top ratings from Charity Navigator, the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, and Candid. High ratings from these widely recognized and respected charity rating and watchdog groups demonstrate our continuing commitments to accountability, transparency, and ethical practices.

You can give with confidence, knowing that we have been independently evaluated for effectively stewarding donations.



-  Patient Support
-  Discovery
-  Advocacy
-  Management and general
-  Fundraising