

2026 Rhode Island Research Breakfast

Presented by ACS CAN

Oct. 2, 2026 | 8:00 – 10:00AM

Crowne Plaza Hotel Providence–Warwick



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Vision: End cancer as we know it, for everyone.

Mission: 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.

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ACS CAN: Where Leaders Gather

Why Leaders Choose ACS CAN

As the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society and the nation's leading cancer advocacy organization, ACS CAN works every day to make cancer a priority at every level of government.

Many of the most important decisions about cancer aren't made in doctor offices and hospitals – they're made in state legislatures, in Congress, and at the White House. ACS CAN advocates to secure federal cancer research funding, expand access to cancer care for thousands of people, and advance proven tobacco control measures – to end cancer as we know it, for everyone.

The Power of Partnership

Your support transforms personal stories into powerful legislative solutions that can end cancer as we know it, for everyone.

Our Impact:

- **Billions** of dollars in cancer research funding at the NIH, NCI, & CDC.
- **70%** of people are surviving at least five years after a cancer diagnosis (2015-2021)
- **62%** of the US population protected from secondhand smoke exposure by local or statewide smoke-free laws.
- **34%** decline in the cancer death rate since its peak in 1991, resulting in 4.8 million lives saved



Recent Rhode Island Wins

Eased the Burden of Medical Debt

Capped interest rates, banned credit reporting, and prohibited liens on homes due to medical debt

Expanded Paid Medical & Family Leave

Increased medical leave benefits and expanded list of those eligible for family leave

Pushed Back Against Big Tobacco

Prevented RI youth from accessing flavored e-cigarettes and cheaper tobacco products

2026 Rhode Island Priorities

Tobacco Prevention & Cessation

ACS CAN will work to increase funding for fact-based, statewide tobacco prevention and cessation programs. We will also advocate to increase the cigarette tax by \$1.00 per pack with a parallel tax on all other tobacco products including e-cigarettes. Increasing the price of cigarettes and all other tobacco products through regular and significant tobacco tax increases helps prevent kids from starting to use tobacco and helps support people who are trying to quit.

Lung Cancer

ACS CAN will prioritize legislation to eliminate out-of-pocket costs for patients needing follow-up lung cancer screenings. In 2026, nearly 1000 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed in Rhode Island, where the incidence rate is already 59.1 per 100,000, significantly higher than the national average. While Rhode Island leads the nation in survival, early diagnosis, and screening, more work must be done to ease the burden of lung cancer on the Ocean State.

Breast Cancer

We know that cost is a major barrier for individuals to obtain necessary screenings and treatments throughout the cancer continuum. ACS CAN has introduced legislation to eliminate cost-sharing for any diagnostic or supplemental breast exams needed after an initial abnormal mammogram. This legislation will help the over 1100 Rhode Islanders diagnosed with breast cancer this year access the screenings they need, when they need them, at no cost.

Prescription Drug Affordability

At a time when so many Rhode Islanders are struggling in the face of rising costs, we must do more to ensure every can afford the cost of the prescription drugs they need throughout their cancer treatment and survivorship. ACS CAN is leading legislation to restrict the use of so-called copay accumulator adjustments in health insurance plans to ensure third party prescription drug copay assistance is counted toward patients' out-of-pocket cost obligations.



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About the Breakfast

Since 2014, the Rhode Island Research Breakfast has provided an exclusive opportunity for local leaders from government, research, life sciences, academia and non-profits to discuss how to reduce the cancer burden for everyone in Rhode Island.

2026 Program Overview

This year, the Rhode Island Research Breakfast will spotlight the evolving landscape of cancer research and the urgent need to protect funding across the United States and in Rhode Island. With shifts in federal and state priorities, the norms of research support have fundamentally changed. This event will bring together Rhode Island's top healthcare, life sciences, and industry leaders to explore how these changes impact innovation, progress, and patients, and to underscore the critical role of advocacy in ensuring the state remains a leader in cutting-edge cancer research.

You'll Be In Good Company

Our 2025 sponsors:



Bryant University, F.L. Putnam, GSK, PhRMA, Rhode Island Life Science Hub, Rockland Trust

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Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities



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Presenting Sponsor: \$15,000

- Presenting Sponsor recognition on all event materials, with logo featured prominently at event and on website
- Opportunity to give welcoming remarks from the podium (remarks subject to ACS CAN approval)
- Organization speaker representation in formal speaking program
- Seating for eighteen (18) guests, with a VIP guest seated at each table, in a preferred location
- Full-page advertisement in event program (content subject to ACS CAN approval)
- Recognition as Presenting Sponsor on Save the Date
- Company recognition on social media accounts highlighting sponsorship
- Company logo displayed on presentation before start of event
- Membership as a Corporate Friend in ACS CAN Corporate Membership Program:
 - Issue briefings with ACS CAN Senior Leadership
 - Complimentary invitation to annual National Forum on the Future of Health Care
 - Logo placement at annual Leadership Summit and Lobby Day
 - Receive ACS CAN's monthly outreach e-newsletter
 - Recognition at ACS CAN's headquarters, in annual Advocacy Accomplishments report, and logo on the ACS CAN website

Diamond Sponsor: \$10,000

- Recognized as Diamond Sponsor with company logo to be included on all event print and digital materials
- Opportunity to introduce Keynote or Moderator (remarks subject to ACS CAN approval)
- Seating for nine (9) guests, with a VIP guest seated at your table, in a preferred location
- Half-page ad in event program (content subject to ACS CAN approval)
- Company recognition on social media accounts highlighting sponsorship
- Company logo displayed on presentation before start of event
- Membership as a Corporate Friend in the ACS CAN Corporate Membership Program (see description above under Presenting Sponsor benefits)

Gold Sponsor: \$7,500

- Recognized as Gold Sponsor and company name to be included in all event digital and print materials
- Seating for eight (8) guests, with a VIP guest seated at your table, in a preferred location
- Quarter-page ad in event program (content subject to ACS CAN approval)
- Company recognition on social media accounts highlighting sponsorship
- Company logo displayed on presentation before start of event
- Membership as a Corporate Sponsor in the ACS CAN Corporate Membership Program
 - Issue briefings with ACS CAN Senior Leadership
 - Complimentary invitation to annual National Forum on the Future of Health Care in Washington, DC
 - Receive ACS CAN's monthly outreach e-newsletter
 - Recognition in ACS CAN's annual Advocacy Accomplishments report and logo on the ACS CAN

Silver Sponsor: \$5,000

- Recognized as Silver Sponsor and company name to be included in all event digital and print materials
- Seating for six (6) guests
- Company recognition on social media accounts highlighting sponsorship
- Company logo displayed on presentation before start of event
- Membership as a Corporate Sponsor in the ACS CAN Corporate Membership Program (see description above under Gold Sponsor benefits)

Bronze Sponsor: \$2,500

- Recognized as Bronze Sponsor and company name to be included in all event digital and print materials
- Seating for six (4) guests
- Company recognition on social media accounts highlighting sponsorship
- Company name displayed on presentation before start of event
- Recognition in ACS CAN's annual Advocacy Accomplishments report

Copper Sponsor: \$1,000

- Recognized as Copper Sponsor and company name to be included in all event digital and print materials
- Seating for two (2) guests
- Company recognition on social media accounts highlighting sponsorship
- Recognition in ACS CAN's annual Advocacy Accomplishments report



Partner With Purpose

Let's work together to build a sponsorship package that reflects your strategic brand objectives and budget, while demonstrating your commitment to ending cancer as we know it, for everyone. Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$1,000, with customized packages available to meet your goals.

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