



American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network South Carolina

Weekly Update

June 2, 2014—June 6, 2014



ACS CAN called on palliative care based hospitals around South Carolina to encourage Senator Scott to support **Quality of Life** legislation this week through a letter to the Senator. The letter was delivered by the ACS CAN federal team in DC. Thank you to the following palliative care hospital based programs for recognizing the importance of Quality of Life legislation.

- Hollings Cancer Center— Charleston
- McLeod Hospital System— Florence
- Spartanburg Medical— Spartanburg
- Beaufort Memorial— Beaufort
- Piedmont Medical— Rock Hill
- Roper St. Francis— Charleston
- Greenville Hospital Systems— Greenville
- Providence Hospital— Columbia
- Palmetto Baptist Children's Hospital— Columbia

Session Ended on Thursday, June 5 with \$\$ in the budget to help save more lives from cancer.

The South Carolina General Assembly concluded the session on Thursday with several wins for ACS CAN. The budget that was submitted to the Governor included :

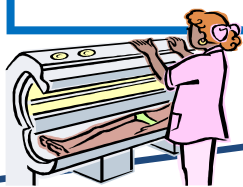
\$1 million for breast and cervical prevention and early detection through the Best Chance Network,

\$500,000 for the Center for Colon Cancer Research at The University of South Carolina

\$5 million generated from the tobacco tax will continue to go to tobacco prevention and cessation.

If there is a gubernatorial veto for funding of breast and cervical and colorectal , we are hopeful that there is enough support to override the veto. Thank you advocates for your work with the budget request this year. ACS CAN is confident that with the funds provided by our state government we can save more lives.

Welcome new ACT! Leads: Vicki Martin and Debbie Hopla—Congressional District 7



ACS CAN met with the Department of Education this week to ask for an indoor tanning device question to be included on the YRBS survey given to all high school and middle school students in the state. The data from this survey will assist ACS CAN as we begin working on an indoor tanning device bill for 2015.

An HPV bill died in the House last week after much debate. The proposed bill would educate middle school students and parents on the HPV vaccine.

Advocacy + Relay For Life= Better Together

Thank you to the following RFL event that have met their 10 members CAN goal for 2014:

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| * RFL of Myrtle Beach | * RFL of Florence |
| * RFL of Darlington | * RFL of York |
| * RFL of Western York | * RFL of Spartanburg |
| * RFL of Greenville | * RFL of Cherokee |
| * RFL of Kershaw | * RFL of Greater Columbia |
| * RFL of Richland North East | * RFL of Edgefield |
| * RFL of Orangeburg | * RFL of Lee |
| * RFL of Sumter | * RFL of Lower Berkley |

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Pink Tea, October 7, 2014, Columbia
Quality of Life Forum, November 10, 2014,
Spartanburg