

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



A YEAR IN REVIEW



Iowa Cancer
Consortium

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

\$123,837

In FY20, the Consortium awarded funds to 8 community organizations for projects to support the 2018-2022 Iowa Cancer Plan.

The Iowa Cancer Consortium has over 450 members across the state, including survivors, caregivers, public health professionals, oncology professionals and more!



The Consortium was able to **grow** state funding by

30%

through outside grant funding and in-kind support in FY20 -- allowing more funds to be dedicated to cancer control in Iowa.



550+ HOURS

The amount of in-kind time Iowa Cancer Consortium members contributed to cancer control work in FY20.



MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:





THE POWER OF RELATIONSHIPS

As Iowa's comprehensive cancer control network, Iowa Cancer Consortium members leverage resources efficiently and effectively across the state to reduce the burden of cancer in Iowa.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Consortium has listened closely to community members and focused its energy on flattening the curve of COVID and reducing the burden of cancer.

The bonds created by partners connected through the Iowa Cancer Consortium have been built over decades. These relationships have been cultivated over years of working together and have contributed to the resilience of health partners throughout the duration of the ongoing pandemic.

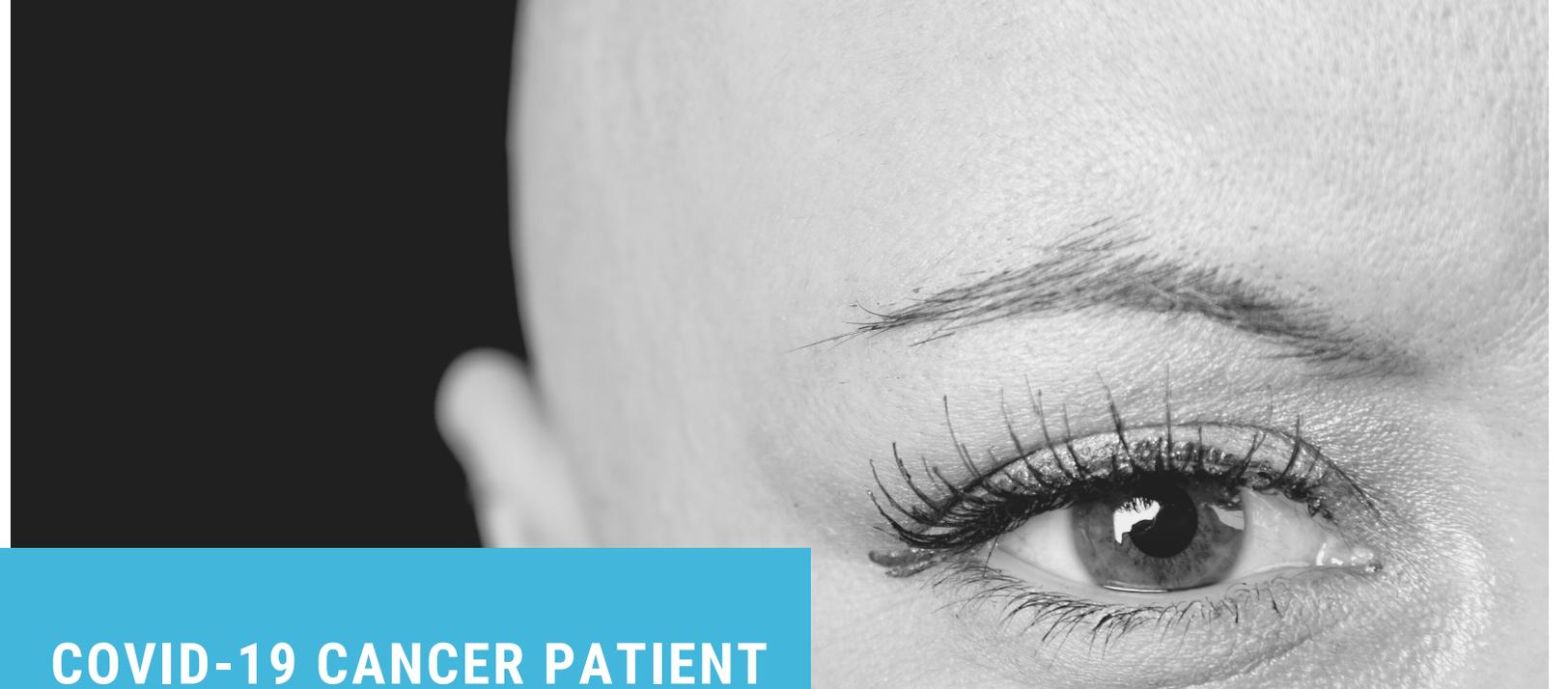
We are working together to advance cancer control in Iowa.

As the Iowa Cancer Consortium embarks on a new year, the partnership looks forward to working alongside one another through advocacy, capacity-building, and collaborative endeavors.



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COVID-19 CANCER PATIENT TRANSPORTATION & LODGING PROJECT

In early 2020, the impact of COVID-19 on patients with cancer and their treatment was largely unknown. Patients undergoing cancer treatment are immunosuppressed, having a reduced ability to fight infections and other diseases, because of their illness, treatment-related side effects, and nutritional deficiencies.

Out of an abundance of caution, many cancer support services across the nation were paused or moved to a virtual format in order to protect the safety of cancer patients.



In Iowa, cancer treatment became more difficult to access for rural residents. However, these patients needed to find a way to safely access cancer treatment during a pandemic.

Cancer centers and providers across the state shared this information with the Iowa Cancer Consortium and resources were quickly assembled to fill the need in the community. Casey's General Store gas cards were purchased and distributed through cancer centers for patients in need. In addition, the American Cancer Society connected local hotel providers to the initiative to provide free/low-cost lodging options for patients needing to travel for cancer treatment.

In total, over \$41,022 was committed to safely provide access to cancer treatment for Iowans as the pandemic began.



MEMBER EVENTS

The pandemic changed the way the Iowa Cancer Consortium delivered cancer education to members. The organization quickly transitioned to a virtual format for meetings to protect Iowa communities and patients with cancer.

Spring Meetings (April 2020):

The Consortium partnered with the Harkin Institute at Drake University and Above + Beyond Cancer to host a 3-week virtual series for 260+ individuals. Presentations focused on rurality and cancer care, HPV vaccination in rural communities and cancer advocacy through storytelling.



ABOVE+BEYOND
CANCER

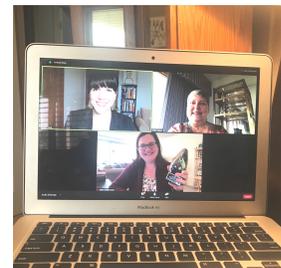
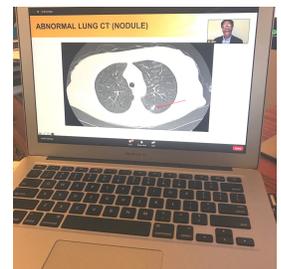
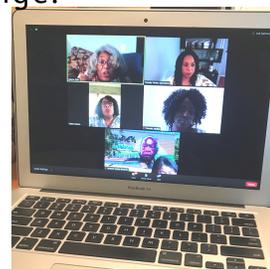


The Harkin Institute
CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH POLICY

Iowa Cancer Summit (October 2020)

The Iowa Cancer Summit was presented as a virtual series on intersectionality to nearly 120 participants across the state.

The keynote presentation was given by Robert Winn, MD, Director of VCU Massey Cancer Center on "Why Community Matters in the Fight against COVID & Cancer." Presentations also included sessions on affirming cancer care, the impact of Black Lives Matter and social justice movements on cancer control, and the importance sharing stories for advocacy and policy change.



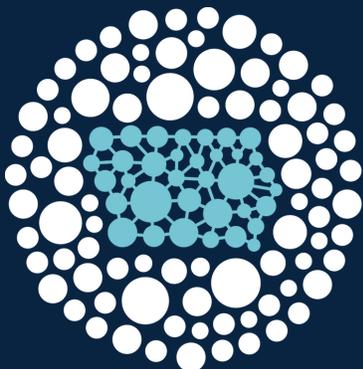
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