Our Mission:

We fight to cure colorectal cancer and serve as Relentless Champions of Hope for all affected by this disease through informed patient support, impactful policy change, and breakthrough research endeavors.

Learn more at FightCRC.org

Message from the PRESIDENT

Join the Fight at FIGHTCRC.ORG
 Behind every colorectal cancer diagnosis is a human, confronting the unthinkable. We work to ensure that no one has to fight this disease alone. We’re building and growing a patient community that’s well-informed, fearless, and devoted to improving outcomes for all. We are constantly inspired by our community’s resilience, strength, and heart. We won’t cure colorectal cancer overnight. But we can make an impact every day. And that’s reason for hope.

Teen Cancer Roundtable
We hosted a Teen Colorectal Cancer Roundtable to connect and support young people who’ve dealt with a colorectal cancer diagnosis themselves or within their families. The roundtable was moderated by Danielle Ripley-Burgess, Fight CRC® Chief Storyteller, Beyond Blue Editor, and teen survivor. Danielle was diagnosed when she was just 17 years old and is now a two-time, 22-year survivor.

Cavaliers Awareness Night
The Cleveland Cavaliers hosted a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Night, highlighting the need to get screened. In addition to announcements promoting the importance of prevention, Fight CRC® partnered with the Cleveland Clinic to distribute patient education materials throughout the game.

Featured on Shark Tank
Fight CRC®’s partnership with DUDE Wipes was featured on Shark Tank. Through the partnership, DUDE Wipes has donated thousands of dollars in DUDE products for colorectal cancer survivors, caregivers, and loved ones. DUDE has also featured colorectal cancer resources and patient stories on their blog to educate their audience on the importance of colorectal cancer screening and understanding the signs and symptoms.

Ambassadors Coast to Coast
We welcomed a class of 12 Ambassadors, who spent a weekend together at our home office in Springfield, Missouri, where they filmed their stories, participated in focus groups with our patient education and research team, and learned more about Fight CRC® programs, events, and initiatives that can be supported by their local communities. Throughout the year, our Ambassadors hosted awareness and fundraising events, raising nearly $10,000, and were featured by their local news media.

SU2C Health Equity Dream Team
Fight CRC® was named a community partner for Stand Up to Cancer’s Health Equity Dream Team. Fight CRC® serves as an advisor on how to implement the program, as well as provide awareness and patient education surrounding its efforts.

Digestive Health in USA Today
Dr. Fida May, Fight CRC Medical Advisory Board member and Health Equity Committee member, was featured in USA Today’s “Digestive Health and Wellness” Campaign. Her article, titled “7 Tips to improve Your Digestive Health,” highlights easy ways to care for your digestive system. The campaign was created to educate consumers on both preventive measures and treatment options for various areas of the digestive system and overall gut health, as well as empower readers to take proper steps for achieving optimal gut health.

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Patient Resource

MEETUPS

In 2021, we launched Your Guide in the Fight Resource Meetups, free online gatherings for people affected by colorectal cancer who are seeking access to resources and peer-to-peer support. Whether just diagnosed, in treatment, or supporting someone who is facing colorectal cancer, these twice-per-month meetups are a safe and reliable place to talk to people who have similar experiences, while learning about resources available from Fight CRC and partners alike.

Champion

STORIES PORTAL

In summer 2021, we launched our Champion Stories Portal, a place where members of our colorectal cancer community can read others’ stories and share their own. Stories can be filtered by connection to colorectal cancer, race, age, and more. Champion Stories are among our most liked and commented posts on social media. We enjoy reading the stories of our champions and find comfort in knowing they aren’t alone in the fight.

Beyond Blue

MAGAZINE

Beyond Blue magazine is a resource curated for survivors, by survivors. Our editor-in-chief, Danielle Ripley-Burgess, is a two-time colorectal cancer survivor.

Each page is dedicated to providing you with new resources that reflect topics and issues that matter most to survivors and caregivers, with a focus on empowering you and supporting your well-being.

HOW DO I GET BEYOND BLUE?

Beyond Blue is a magazine curated by and for members of the colorectal cancer community, published each spring and fall.

To get a free copy of each issue mailed to you, subscribe at FightCRC.org/BeyondBlue.

Interested in receiving a complimentary box of magazines and other patient resources to distribute to your community? Sign up to be a distributor at FightCRC.org/ResourceChampions.

Beyond Blue is also available as a digital magazine. To read and share this issue online, visit FightCRC.org/BeyondBlue.

CLINICAL TRIAL and PROVIDER SEARCH TOOLS

As a part of Fight CRC’s mission to fight for informed patient support and breakthrough research endeavors, we launched two new web-based tools in 2022: an updated Clinical Trial Finder and a Provider Finder.

The Trial Finder is a one-stop place to search for and learn about high-impact research studies for colorectal cancer patients and is currently showing trials for MSS (microsatellite stable) and stage IV colorectal cancer patients, sourced from clinicaltrials.gov.

One click away from the Clinical Trial Finder is the Fight CRC Provider Finder, a digital tool that helps patients find oncologists, radiologists, surgeons, and gastroenterologists. Our Provider Finder has more than 4,500 vetted colorectal cancer physicians in its database!

Fight CRC focuses on providing balanced cancer care information while pursuing the most promising research endeavors and influencing policy change for the greater good.

At our core, we are Relentless Champions of Hope, fighting for a cure for colorectal cancer, while supporting and empowering a community of patients, caregivers, and families.

For anyone affected by colorectal cancer, we offer a safe and reliable place of support, information, and encouragement.
Fighting to CHANGE POLICY

Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death. By 2030, it’s projected to become the first. Yet it’s the cancer no one wants to talk about. It’s deadly. It’s traumatic. And it’s met its match.

Advocates TOOK ACTION

From engaging legislators to participating in events in local communities, Fight CRC keeps our community of Relentless Champions of Hope updated on opportunities to get involved on the federal, state, and local levels. Through our easy-to-use Advocacy Portal, advocates are able to quickly email legislators, sign petitions, and post social media messages tagging elected officials.

In FY 2022, more than 10,000 advocates took action! Fight CRC shared 32 calls to action, resulting in over 6,000 petition signatures and more than 63,000 emails sent to Congress.

Growing STATE ADVOCACY

The Catalyst Program provides funding and technical assistance to people working to advance state policy to increase access to colorectal cancer screening. In addition to the existing eight states in the program (Arkansas, California, Colorado, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, Texas, and Rhode Island), we added four more states in FY 2022: New York, Indiana, New Jersey, and Virginia.

Fight CRC has dedicated over $100,000 to fighting for policy change at the state level.

“When we launched this program, we thought it would mean we were in person a lot; we thought we were going to be in every state, doing action planning, going to state capitals, and more. COVID-19 had other plans for us, but we never could have imagined that we’d be able to accomplish so much in such a short amount of time, and particularly during such a difficult two years.”

— Molly McDonnell, Director of Advocacy, Fight CRC

Guidance from the WHITE HOUSE

On January 10, 2022, the Biden Administration issued guidance requiring private insurers to cover colonoscopy when needed as a follow-up to a noninvasive colorectal cancer screening test. This will prevent patients from receiving surprise bills for a colonoscopy when they receive a positive result from a stool-based test.

Representatives of American Gastroenterological Association (AGA), American Cancer Society, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, and Fight CRC worked together to urge the Administration to make this change, including a fall 2021 meeting with regulators from the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Treasury (which together regulate private insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act) to request they provide direction to private health plans.

State PROCLAMATIONS

Each year, advocates ask state policymakers to formally recognize March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. In 2022, advocates from 43 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico submitted requests; 41 states responded to the request by officially declaring March 2022 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. We also received a national proclamation from the White House!

Cancer MOONSHOT

Fight CRC President, Anjie Davis, represented Fight CRC at the White House’s Cancer Moonshot Goals Forum in Washington, D.C., on May 11, 2022. The meeting focused on catalyzing action and developing solutions that will bring the U.S. closer to “ending cancer as we know it.” Anjie discussed plans related to reducing cost barriers to colorectal cancer screening, as well as increasing equitable access to screening as outlined in our Path to a Cure Report.
Across everything we do, our strategy is to thoughtfully do more with less. We are convening leaders, intentional about making every action count.

By bringing the best and brightest people together in pursuit of innovation, we are uniquely positioned to identify high-impact, breakthrough research efforts.

As a catalyst for change, Fight CRC invested two legacy gifts from former board members Steve Depp and Dina M. Golas to host the inaugural Path to a Cure Think Tank in Springfield, Missouri, on December 3, 2021. We convened a curated group of 35 thought leaders and innovators to identify priorities and cutting-edge research ideas, focusing on advancing treatment and an eventual cure for stage III and stage IV MSS colorectal cancer patients.

The Think Tank was designed to create a social and intellectual setting where it was safe to disagree and become aware of individual biases and blind spots, while having the opportunity to expand knowledge outside of disciplinary and institutional walls. Participants represented a diverse cross-section of expertise and experience, both within the colorectal cancer field and beyond it.

“As a community, there is tremendous potential when we coordinate our efforts toward common goals. This project brings together many of the thought leaders in the colorectal cancer community who are passionate about accelerating research and improving outcomes for colorectal cancer patients. Together, we can tackle big ideas with ambitious and meaningful impact!”

— Dr. Scott Kopetz, MD Anderson Cancer Center

In our search for a cure, we remain steadfast, because every day we are moved by the collective heartbeat of people who bring hope and healing to all those affected by colorectal cancer.

Whether we were raising awareness, convening leaders, or fighting for policy change, we left our unique mark on each event hosted in FY 2021.
Early-Age Onset CRC

RESEARCH PANEL

Fight CRC moved the needle forward at Digestive Disease Week (DDW) by hosting an early-age onset research panel to keep the pressure on our community to continue asking, “why?” This led to progress in our common data elements work. Using common data elements across studies will help us quickly and more efficiently identify risk factors of EAO CRC.

Research Advocate

PUBLISHED FINDINGS

Research Advocate Venora Johnson and Andrea (Andi) Dwyer from the University of Colorado Cancer Center and advisor to Fight CRC were published in Cancer for findings in the National Navigation Roundtable survey results regarding health equity and patient navigation in oncology.

Research Advocates

UPDATED GUIDELINES

Fight CRC Research Advocates worked in partnership with the College of American Pathologists to update their guidelines. The updated guidelines will help pathologists optimize testing methods to better identify and evaluate patients with cancer who may be eligible for immunotherapies, known as checkpoint inhibitors, and will impact the clinical care of all colorectal cancer patients, giving thousands of patients access to biomarker testing. Though the guidelines were updated in August 2022 (this fiscal year), it took the hard work of our Research Advocates in FY 2022 to support this project!

Staff Research

PUBLICATIONS

Journal of Clinical Oncology
Landscape of COVID-19 vaccine uptake in the colorectal cancer community: Responding to community needs

Journal of Clinical Oncology
Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on the colorectal cancer community: Barriers and opportunities for care

Journal of Clinical Oncology
Priorities of Unmet Needs for Those Affected by Colorectal Cancer: Considerations From a Series of Nominal Group Technique Sessions

Springer
The Current Landscape of Research Advocacy and Education for Patients with Colorectal Cancer

It had never been done before.

The Fight CRC community descended upon Washington, D.C., armed with blue flags and a mission: to bring attention to the growing number of young people being diagnosed with colorectal cancer and compel our elected officials to do more to prioritize colorectal cancer through more funding, more research, and more treatment options. Volunteers placed 27,400 blue flags in the ground on the National Mall, representing the number of people ages 20–49 who are projected to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2023.

We held a rally at United in Blue to bring together our advocacy and industry partners, as well as members of Congress and other government officials to lock arms in the fight for more. Events concluded with a virtual Lobby Day, where advocates met with their members of Congress. More than 150 advocates took part in over 230 meetings where they shared their stories and urged their members of Congress to direct the NCI to create a strategic action plan for colorectal cancer and to create a Colorectal Cancer Research Program within the Department of Defense.

A NIGHT with THE STARS

Raising nearly $20,000, A Night With the Stars brought together the Springfield, Missouri, community. Fight CRC’s home base. Colorectal cancer survivors, caregivers and loved ones, and medical professionals were celebrated throughout the night and commended for sharing their stories as relentless champions.

CLIMB for A CURE

Through Climb 2021, our community made a huge impact in the fight against colorectal cancer by raising nearly $200,000! More than 350 people participated and the funds raised go directly to groundbreaking research.
### Financials

#### Key Figures

**Revenue & Fees**

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#### Balance Sheet

**Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022**

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#### Statement of Activities

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Your support is essential as we relentlessly fight for informed patient support, impactful policy change, and breakthrough research endeavors.

“Not only are we Relentless Champions of Hope, but no one ever fights alone. That’s who we are: We are Fight CRC, and we are a family. We are better together.”

—TERI GRIEGE, STAGE IV SURVIVOR AND BOARD MEMBER

Fight CRC was awarded a $2,722,500 multi-year, unrestricted grant from Exact Sciences, payable in installments of $544,500 over a 5-year period. Accounting standards require the grant be recognized in the year awarded as all conditions related to the grant have been met. The entire $2,722,500 is included in income for FY19 even though the cash associated with the grant will be received in installments.

Fight Colorectal Cancer is a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Fight Colorectal Cancer has received high rankings for our streamlined, outstanding financial processes from several groups who watch for proper oversight of donations. To view our 990 reports, visit FightCRC.org/Donate.
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