

# YOUR PURPLE FAMILY

PANCREATIC  
CANCER  
ACTION  
NETWORK

*“The volunteers and staff at the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network have become like family. In fact, we often refer to each other as our ‘purple family.’ Even though this diagnosis has changed my life forever, I am so grateful for this organization and the people I’ve met along the way.”*

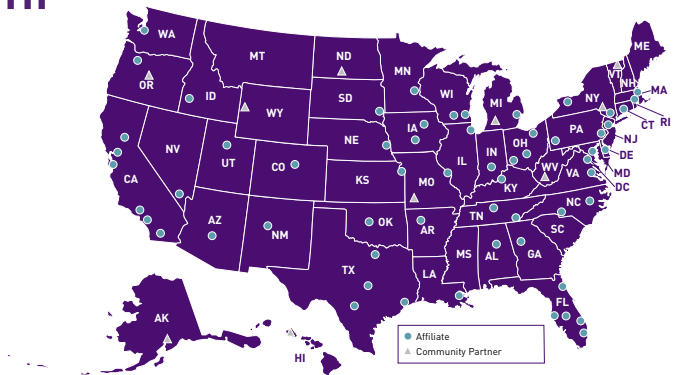
**Lisa Beckendorf**, 22-year pancreatic cancer survivor and volunteer leader

Whether you are a patient or caregiver, your “purple family” is here to support you in your journey. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) is composed of passionate people and communities who care deeply and drive our mission forward every day: to improve patient outcomes and fight pancreatic cancer by getting the word out, raising funds for research and programs, and supporting families and loved ones.



## FIND SUPPORT, HOPE AND STRENGTH

With more than 60 affiliate networks around the country, you can connect locally with others who have been touched by pancreatic cancer. Affiliates are composed of volunteers who are passionate about the cause. You can join volunteer-driven events to raise awareness and funds; engage with survivors, caregivers and others through mission and outreach initiatives; promote activities during November, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; and much more. Visit [pancan.org/affiliates](https://pancan.org/affiliates) to find an affiliate in your area. Don't see an affiliate near you? Connect with the community virtually at [pancan.org/socialmedia](https://pancan.org/socialmedia).



## RAISE FUNDS AND SPIRITS AT PURPLESTRIDE

PurpleStride, the walk to end pancreatic cancer, is PanCAN's most powerful vehicle for fundraising and awareness. PurpleStride events are walk/run experiences uniting the community in a common goal: to end pancreatic cancer. PurpleStride is more than just an event – it gives you the opportunity to meet other survivors and raise awareness about pancreatic cancer in your community. Funds raised from PurpleStride allow PanCAN to fund research and provide vital resources and services to patients. **PurpleStride isn't the only thing we do, but everything we do depends on it.** Find a walk near you at [purplestride.org](https://purplestride.org) and register for free as a survivor.



## LIFT YOUR VOICE

Did you know that 80% of cancer research funding comes from the federal government? Increased federal research funding for pancreatic cancer is critical to improving patient outcomes. Keep our priorities top of mind with your elected officials by taking part in our grassroots advocacy activities, sending an action alert or even joining us in Washington, D.C., for our annual Advocacy Summit event! Find out more at [pancan.org/advocacy](https://pancan.org/advocacy).



## WAGE HOPE YOUR WAY

Your friends and family are eager to support you, and raising funds for research and programs is one way to turn their passion into progress. Invite your loved ones to join you for a favorite activity as a fundraising event. A chili cook-off, gym class, dinner party, sporting event, hike or requesting donations through a virtual birthday celebration are easy and fun ways to make a difference. The sky is the limit! Find out how to get started at [pancan.org/diy](https://pancan.org/diy).

Get involved with your purple family today by connecting on social media [pancan.org/socialmedia](https://pancan.org/socialmedia), calling 877-2-PANCAN or visiting [pancan.org/getinvolved](https://pancan.org/getinvolved)