

80 YEARS OF IMPACT



THE
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CANCER CENTER

2025–2026 Impact Report

Since 1946, The Society of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) has raised **more than \$300 million** for cancer research, patient care, and education at MSK. This remarkable legacy reflects a deep commitment to innovation, compassion, and improving the lives of people with cancer.

By the Numbers

During the past year, The Society proudly advanced MSK's mission of ending cancer for life by championing leading-edge cancer research, empowering the next generation of cancer leaders, and enhancing the patient and family experience.

Thanks to the dedication and generosity of our members:

\$9.69 million

was raised by The Society to support research initiatives, patient care, and education at MSK.



1,437 donors

contributed to The Society events and programs.



\$1.6 million

was directed to critical patient care initiatives, including the underwriting of patient transportation to MSK appointments (the largest portion of this budget), housing costs for out-of-town patients, and emergency financial assistance for patients in need.



\$5.38 million

was allocated in support of MSK's various research needs, including Society-sponsored research grants, The Society Campaign, and event initiatives.



Record-Breaking Year:

The Society achieved two historic fundraising milestones: **\$2.3 million** raised through The Society Campaign — the highest campaign total in nearly two decades — and **\$2.87 million** raised through The Spring Ball, including **\$1.12 million** raised in the room, making the event the highest-grossing in The Society's history with the most successful in-room fundraising.



115+ brand partnerships

were formed through events and programs.



Fueling Discovery and Innovation

The Society Campaign

The 2025–2026 Society Campaign, **Finding Tomorrow's Treatments Today**, supported MSK's clinical trial program under the direction of **Paul Sabbatini, MD**, Senior Vice President for Clinical Research. The program, one of the most extensive in the United States, aims to expand patient access to trials through more efficient processes and decentralized research. The Society's philanthropy will help fund the work MSK investigators are doing to increase access to these pioneering trials and accelerate the development of lifesaving therapies that bring renewed hope to people with cancer around the world. This year's campaign raised over **\$2,331,000, far surpassing our goal of \$1 million.**

Research Grants Program

The Society awarded **11 research grants** totaling more than **\$1 million** to junior investigators pursuing high-impact clinical and translational research. These grants bridge the funding gap for early-stage projects that do not qualify for other sources of funding, helping launch promising careers and accelerate discoveries that improve patient outcomes.

The Society Scholars Prize

Established in 2016, the Scholars Prize honors outstanding MSK postdoctoral researchers navigating family obligations and new parenthood. Selected by a panel of MSK faculty who are also parents, the recipients receive a cash award for up to four years. In 2025–2026, The Society proudly supported **21 scholars.**

The Society Event Initiatives

- **2025 Cancer & Nutrition: Food for Thought Initiative** raised \$129,100.
- **2025 MSK Kids Investigator Initiated Clinical Trials** raised \$497,856.
- **2026 MSK Gynecologic Cancer Initiative** raised \$129,610.
- **2026 Turning Data Into Cures: Transforming Cancer Research With AI and Computational Oncology Initiative** raised \$1,123,175.

Additional Research Projects Funded

- MSK Smart Lifestyle Oncology Clinic, Urvi Shah, MD, \$500,000.
- Center for Esophageal and Gastric Center, Yelena Janjigian, MD, \$300,000.

Compassion in Action

The Society's Patient Care Committees are composed of dedicated volunteers who plan and support initiatives to enhance the patient experience at MSK. Their efforts bring comfort, joy, and hope to patients and families, creating a nurturing environment that fosters healing and well-being.

Children's Committee

- Delivered **205 holiday gifts** to MSK Kids.
- Hosted the **36th Annual Spring Prom**, bringing joy and celebration to pediatric patients.

Dream Team

- Fulfilled **25 dreams, including 20 holiday dreams**, creating moments of hope and happiness for adults facing cancer.

Patient Environment Program

- Funded **6 impactful initiatives** to enhance the patient and caregiver experience:
 - **Surgical Drain Strip (SDS) Buddy Phase 1A**, the first nurse-designed medical device at MSK to advance toward clinical validation, which helps improve the management of surgical drains for patients and caregivers.
 - **Nursing Escape Room**, an immersive simulation-based educational initiative designed to strengthen teamwork, critical thinking, and clinical preparedness among nursing staff in high-pressure scenarios.
 - **PICC Sky Ceiling Project**, which enhances the treatment environment through luminous sky ceiling panels designed to reduce patient anxiety during PICC insertions, improve procedural success, and help prevent treatment delays.
 - **Oral Mucositis Toothbrush Initiative**, which provides patients who have had bone marrow transplants with oral care supplies to promote oral hygiene, reduce contamination risks, and support the prevention of treatment-related oral mucositis.
 - **Adaptive Robes**, which are designed to improve comfort, dignity, confidence, and emotional well-being for patients undergoing breast reconstruction during treatment and recovery.
 - **SEEK Charging Kiosk**, which provides convenient access to device chargers for patients and caregivers while at MSK.

Volunteer and Patient Recreation Committee

- Enhanced the patient experience through support of the **Patient Recreation Cart**, which provides a variety of engaging activities, reading materials, and comfort items for patients.
- Continued support for the **Fresh Flower Program**, which provides fresh flowers to patients and public spaces throughout the hospital.
- Distributed **425 holiday gift bags** and funded **holiday decor** in 15 hospital locations.
- Continued support for **Rising Voices**, a choir for patients, survivors, and caregivers.

Social Services Committee

- Provided **\$1.3 million** for transportation, housing, food, and psychosocial support for patients and families.
- Supported the **Talking With Children About Cancer Program**, which helps parents with cancer communicate effectively with their children about their diagnosis, treatment, and, when appropriate, end of life.
- Funded pediatric **support materials** to help young patients and their caregivers better cope with cancer.

Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, The Society of MSK remains committed to expanding our reach, deepening our impact, and supporting MSK's mission of ending cancer for life. Together, we are transforming lives — one patient, one family, one breakthrough at a time.