2018 Advocacy Year in Review

Our Advocates and Ambassadors have been hard at work in 2018! Check out their progress below.

- We surpassed **100** state legislative victories since 2014
- Our army of Advocates and Ambassadors sent over **5,000** letters to policymakers
- We held **10** State Legislative Days across the nation
- The Congressional Arthritis Caucus grew to **146** members

- Expanded our grassroots programs to over **130,000** Advocates and **1,200** Ambassadors
- Advocates and Ambassadors shared their patient experiences through the new Storybank Tool
- We passed **37 new pieces of legislation** in **29 states**
- We built a community for Advocates and Ambassadors through the Live Yes! Online Forum

- Approximately 2,000 Advocates and Ambassadors provided feedback through surveys and focus groups to amplify the patient voice on specific issues
- The new Junior Ambassador program grew to 100 teens spanning 35 states
- More than 60 people achieved Platinum Ambassador status for their dedication to advocacy

We accomplished a lot in 2018. Check out our 2019 Advocacy Priorities for next steps in the new year!

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