



the ringing of this bell identifies  
the closing of one  
chapter and the start  
of another. I will ring  
this bell to celebrate  
my recovery, my  
restoration, and my



# Giving Hope a Home

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American  
Cancer  
Society  
Hope Lodge



Each year, **200,000** people travel 40+ miles to receive the cancer treatment they desperately need

# A History of **Hope**

Since 1970, ACS Hope Lodge communities have supported thousands of cancer patients who must travel to receive treatment but have limited or no resources for lodging during care.

**Hope Lodge has grown into a program with outsized impact.**



**31**

Hope Lodge communities established across 23 states and Puerto Rico



**36,000**

Cancer patients served per year at Hope Lodge facilities



**500,000**

Nights of free lodging Hope Lodge provides annually



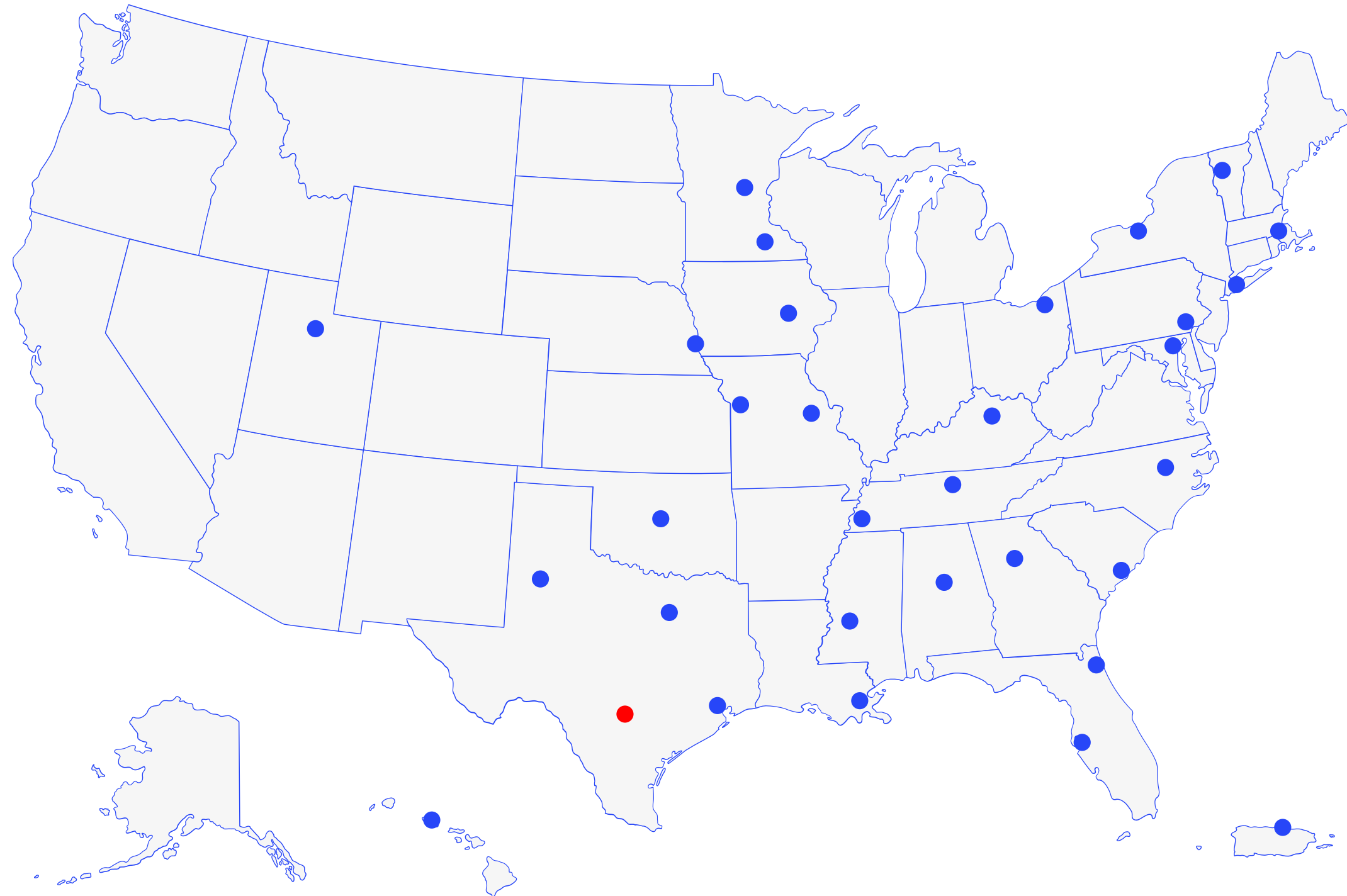
**\$70M**

Estimated cost savings for people with cancer and their families, so they can focus on what's most important: getting better

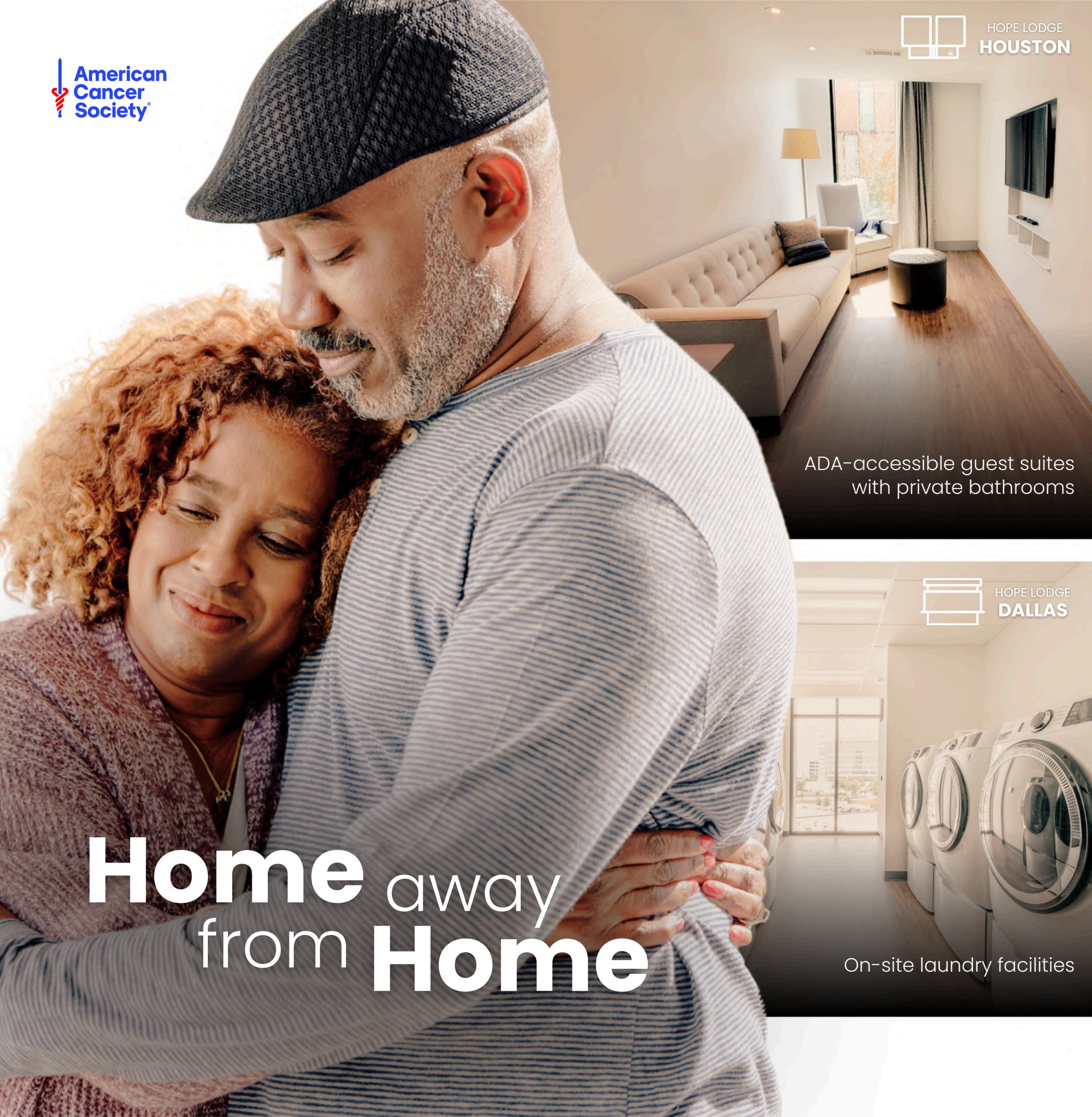
# Hope Lodge® Communities

As part of ACS's All in Against Cancer Campaign, **American Cancer Society will expand our Hope Lodge footprint to new communities across the country.**

California was identified as an ideal location for a new Hope Lodge and will be among the first established by this expansion effort.



- Atlanta, GA
- Baltimore, MD
- Birmingham, AL
- Boston, MA
- Burlington, VT
- Charleston, SC
- Cleveland, OH
- Dallas, TX
- Greenville, NC
- Honolulu, HI
- Houston, TX
- Iowa City, IA
- Jackson, MS
- Jacksonville, FL
- Kansas City, MO
- Lexington, KY
- Lubbock, TX
- Memphis, TN
- Minneapolis, MN
- Nashville, TN
- New Orleans, LA
- New York City, NY
- Oklahoma City, OK
- Omaha, NE
- Philadelphia, PA
- Rochester, MN
- Rochester, NY
- **San Antonio, TX (Coming Soon)**
- Salt Lake City, UT
- San Juan, PR
- St. Louis, MO
- Tampa, FL



# Home away from Home

 HOPE LODGE HOUSTON




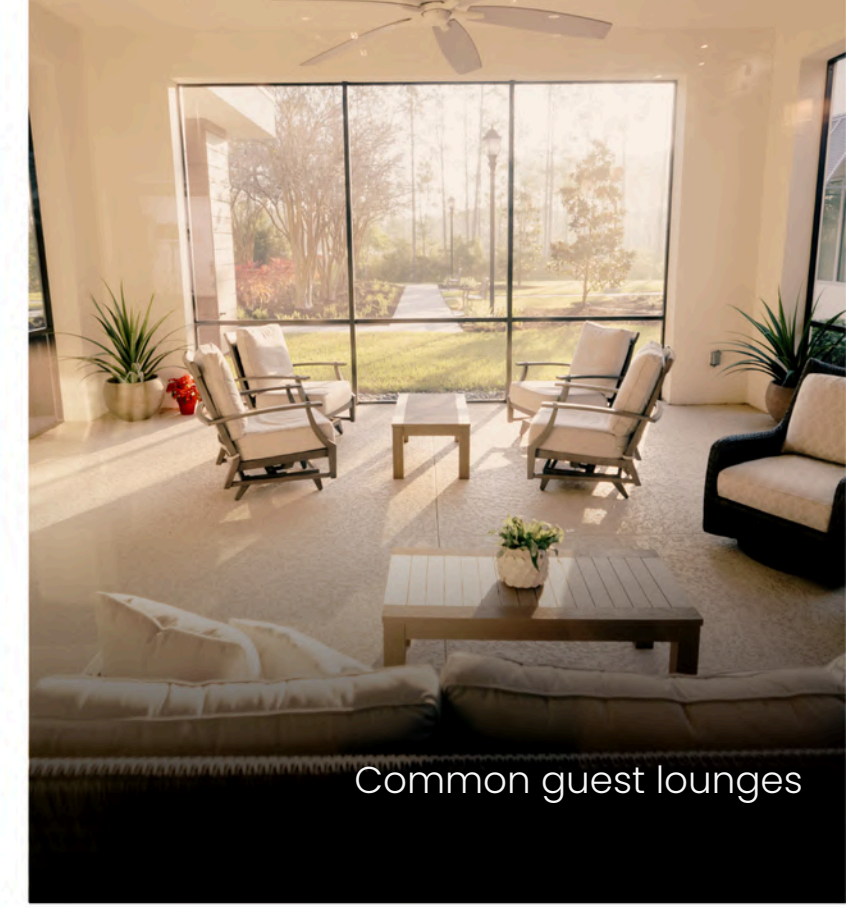
ADA-accessible guest suites with private bathrooms

 HOPE LODGE SALT LAKE CITY



Multiple fully equipped kitchens & dining rooms

 HOPE LODGE JACKSONVILLE



Common guest lounges

 HOPE LODGE DALLAS



On-site laundry facilities

 HOPE LODGE LEXINGTON



Resource libraries with computers & meeting spaces

 HOPE LODGE HONOLULU

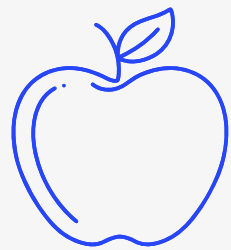


Areas for reflection & outdoor healing gardens

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# ACS EMPOWER

## A Holistic Approach to Care



### **Nutrition**

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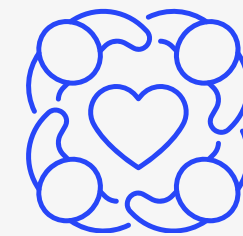
Explore benefits of complementary, functional & integrative medicine principles, techniques, programs



### **Physical Activity**

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Strengthen, energize & destress with physical resilience activities



### **Social Connection**

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Unite guests and locals in shared experiences, fostering support and understanding



### **Stress Management**

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Create a nurturing environment where every individual feels valued and supported

# Hope Lodge Chicago

Renderings by Perkins & Will

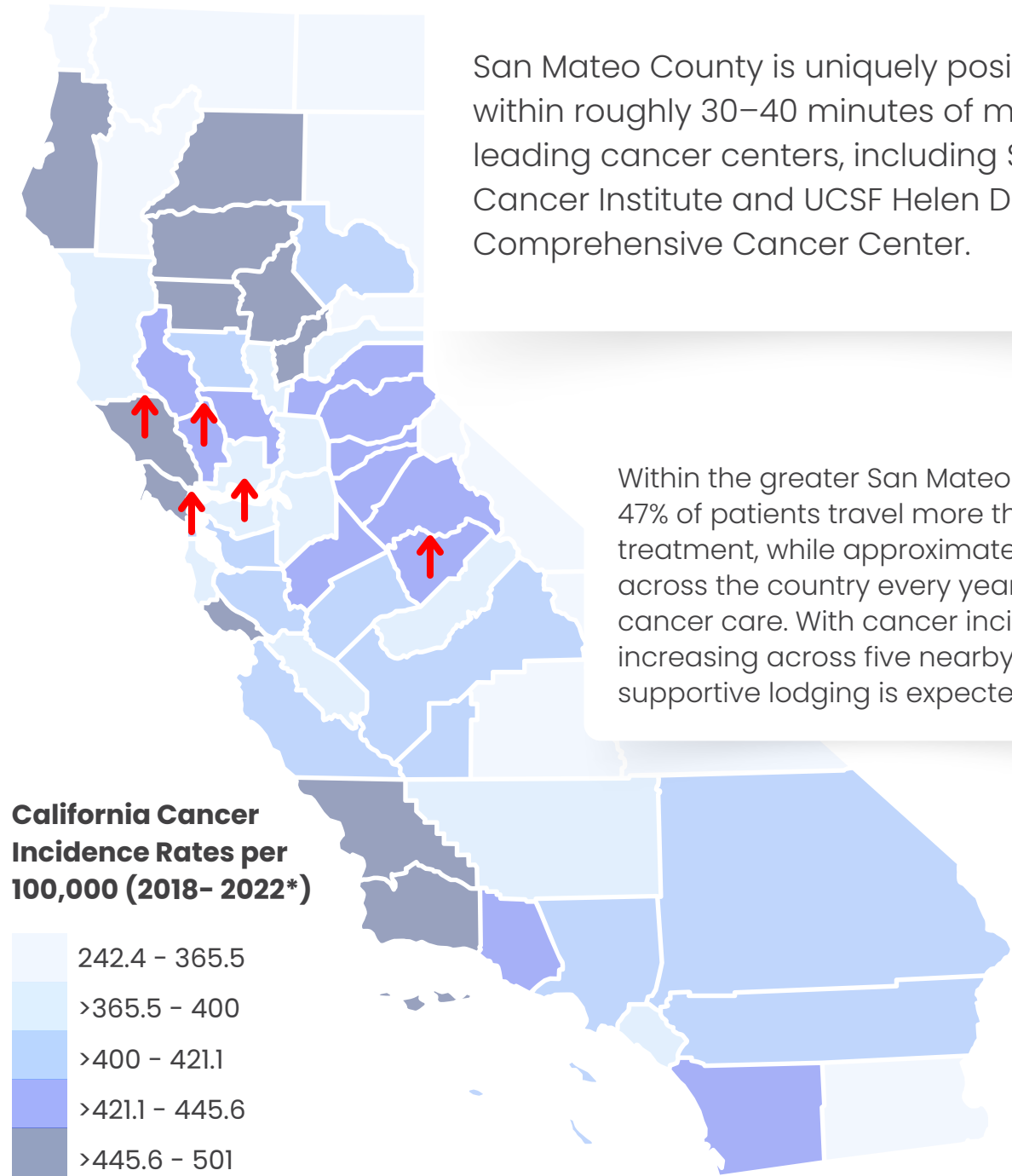




Hope Lodge provides a beautiful environment for a very supportive community. I had people to talk to throughout the day and strong people to cheer me on.

*Guest, Hope Lodge Salt Lake City*

# Imagining Hope Lodge California



San Mateo County is uniquely positioned within roughly 30–40 minutes of multiple leading cancer centers, including Stanford Cancer Institute and UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Within the greater San Mateo region, an average of 47% of patients travel more than 40 miles for treatment, while approximately 6,000 patients travel across the country every year to access Bay Area cancer care. With cancer incidence rates also increasing across five nearby counties, demand for supportive lodging is expected to continue growing.

## Impact for Patients

- A 70+-suite lodge will serve more than 1,000 patients and caregivers annually providing free lodging and rides to and from treatment.
- Hope Lodges are ADA-accessible and feature guest suites with private bathrooms, multiple fully equipped kitchens, common guest lounges, dining rooms, on-site well-stocked laundry facilities, libraries, fitness centers, meeting spaces, areas for reflection, and when possible, outdoor gardens/courtyards.
- Based on average hotel costs, a 70-suite lodge will save patients and caregivers an estimated \$6.5+ million each year.

## Impact for Bay Area

- A 70-suite lodge will create an estimated \$50+ million in annual indirect value for referring health system partners in the area.
- Hope Lodge California would serve guests from throughout the country while also providing support and accommodations for Bay Area residents in need.
- Guests at a 70-Suite lodge in Bay Area will likely consume more than \$850,000 annually in meals and groceries and spend hundreds of thousands more on gas and transportation during their visits.
- Patients who stay at Hope Lodges often participate in clinical trials, supporting innovation for referring health system partners.
- Hope Lodge California will also be one of the first lodges in the country to be built with dedicated space for a Cancer Wellness Hub to serve not just Hope Lodge guests, but the greater California community through our ACS EMPOWER Program.
- See additional pages highlighting the renderings of the most recent Hope Lodge in Chicago, as well as others across the nation.

# Imagining Hope Lodge California

Through our All In Against Cancer campaign, we're taking our most ambitious steps yet — including expanding Hope Lodge communities nationwide to provide free lodging for cancer patients and caregivers when treatment is far from home.

Together, we're working to bring the first **Hope Lodge to California** — a milestone for our state and a lifeline for families across the West Coast. Today, many patients delay or forgo treatment because affordable lodging for weeks or months is out of reach.

This campaign is our chance to change that. With your visionary leadership and investment, we can build a beacon of hope for families when they need it most.

The Hope Lodge community is projected to provide more than 43,000 nights of free lodging annually, resulting in approximately \$6.5 million in lodging costs saved for families each year.

### Estimated Costs & Campaign Fundraising Targets

Hope Lodge Estimated Expenses	<b>\$3.5M/year</b>
Estimated Campaign Fundraising Target	<b>\$150M</b>
Inclusive of:	
Construction Costs	\$80M
Programmatic Support (Endowment/Operating Reserves)	\$70M

To support this vision, we respectfully request a **one-time capital financial commitment of \$7 million paid out over two years**, to be announced in June 2026.