



# Shave To Save

25 YEARS OF GIVING HOPE A HOME

Dear Supporter,

The American Cancer Society thanks you for your support and hopes that you will take a few moments to read about our upcoming event and decide to participate by donating to our silent and live auction.

I'm excited to share details about the **25th Annual Shave To Save Gala**, taking place **April 17, 2026**, at the **Overland Park Convention Center**. We invite you to consider donating an item or service for our 2026 auction. Your generosity will be showcased to more than **550 guests**, including influential community, business, and philanthropic leaders. And best of all, it will make a meaningful impact.

## ABOUT SHAVE TO SAVE

Last year, Shave To Save raised more than **\$550,000** to support Hope Lodge Kansas City, which provides free lodging for cancer patients and caregivers traveling to Kansas City for treatment.

The event is made truly special by the dedication of over **20 community and corporate leaders**, each committing to raise **\$7,500 or more** while shaving their heads in honor or memory of someone impacted by cancer. In 2025, two participants individually raised more than \$83,000: a powerful testament to our community's passion and generosity.

## HOPE LODGE KANSAS CITY: GIVING HOPE A HOME FOR 25 YEARS

Hope Lodge removes the financial barrier for patients so they can access the most effective treatment. It also offers hope beyond treatment by creating a community where guests connect, share meals, and support one another during their journeys.

Since opening in 2000, Hope Lodge Kansas City has:

- Served **28,585 patients and caregivers** traveling to Kansas City for treatment
- Provided **455,524 free nights of lodging** to patients and caregivers
- Saved families an estimated **\$28.3+ million** in hotel expenses

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

We invite you to donate gift certificates, merchandise, or services for inclusion in our auction. We are happy to arrange pickup for donated items. Certificates may be emailed to [Shari.Force@cancer.org](mailto:Shari.Force@cancer.org) or mailed to Hope Lodge Kansas City (address provided on the attached in-kind form). To be included in the Digital Auction Brochure, please submit your donation and completed in-kind form by **April 1, 2026**.

Thank you for your generosity and supporting our mission to save lives and support families facing cancer.

Sincerely,

Shave To Save Board of Ambassadors