Thank you to our supporters for helping us achieve the following “WINS” during COVID as we look back and count our blessings. Despite tough and turbulent times, the past year forced us to dig deep and focus on our future which includes expanding internationally. We are profoundly grateful to our supporters who helped us overcome a year of unprecedented challenges that sustained our mission and helped us to aspire towards our vision. Our first responders battling cancer need us now more than ever. With your continued help, together we can continue to make a difference.
TOGETHER WE CAN

FIREFIGHTER’S GUIDE TO CANCER SURVIVORSHIP

We created this handbook to assist firefighters, EMS personnel and their family members diagnosed with cancer and to provide easy access to answers, articles, and testimonials that address some of the basic concerns that surround any cancer diagnosis. The handbook is meant to be used with other resources provided by the FCSN, including the Badge-to-Badge Mentorship Program and our unique toolbox. Our aim is that these three resources will work to address the social, professional, and practical needs of firefighters diagnosed with cancer.
NEW LOGO, WEBSITE, VISION AND MISSION

FCSN premiered our new logo, website, and integrated social media campaigns to clarify our unique services and value. Furthermore, after reflecting on our last 16 years and assessing where we had been and where we are headed, we realized it was time to refresh **our mission** - to assist firefighters and EMS providers and their immediate families, diagnosed with cancer, by providing badge to badge support, training and guidance; and created **our vision** for our future - to be the global leader in firefighter cancer support, awareness and education. These commitment statements help us lead in a unique way and serve as a north star for where we are headed and clarify how we will get there.

FEMA GRANT AWARDED TO REDUCE FIREFIGHTER CANCER MORTALITY

Through this FEMA grant and unique partnership, we aim to reduce firefighter cancer mortality by compiling the latest information about firefighters’ cancer risks, highlighting prevention efforts beyond typical fire ground behaviors, raising awareness about early detection and early warning signs, and augmenting existing network and training resources.
NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Carlye Wund served as the Director of Development at Firefighter Aid (FFAid), a San Diego-based nonprofit that helps firefighters and their families in times of need. In her time at FFAid, she created and grew programs and services, and scaled the organization's fundraising. Carlye was also the producer of the San Diego 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb event, FFAid’s largest annual fundraiser and was instrumental in creating the FFAid’s Cancer Awareness and Prevention Program.

THE PREMIER OF FIREFIGHTER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

FCSN partnered with The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) to create the inaugural Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month in January, 2021. The purpose of FFCAM is to deliver targeted education about best practices and resources to reduce the impact of cancer on firefighters. The month-long campaign included Safety Stand Downs, training briefs meant to highlight the effects of occupational cancer and focus on topics of prevention and mitigation. The topics of these briefs included: the scope of the cancer problem, best practices on prevention, leadership tactics to help prevention and skills to help survivors of occupational cancer.
BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The new BAC consists of thoughtful national community leaders who advise the FCSN Board of Directors and staff and serve as critical community champions of our mission. Members of the Business Advisory Council share their gifts in service to our nonprofit by providing our organization with their professional expertise; their diverse knowledge of constituent perspectives; their connections to local, national or international resources, colleagues and/or peers; and their philanthropic support or other forms of needed assistance.

HEALTH & WELLNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

FCSN has worked with leading subject matter experts in firefighter cancer research since its beginnings that has included medical experts from The University of Miami, Illinois and Arizona as well the Center for Fire, Rescue & EMS Health Research. As a result of our growth and expansion and commitment to best practices, the FCSN Health and Wellness Advisory Council was created and consists of diverse backgrounds in firefighter health and wellness who advise and guide the FCSN Board of Directors and staff on firefighter cancer prevention, education, awareness and support.
NEW SUSTAINING ALLIANCES

FCSN was proud to form Sustaining Alliances with Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Moffitt Cancer Center, University of Miami’s Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center. These alliances help us achieve our mission by satisfying our need for a comprehensive and personalized approach to our nation's fire fighters diagnosed with cancer.

NEW SUSTAINING PARTNERSHIPS

We are also proud to have welcomed to our Sustaining Partnership family 1-800-BOARDUP, a national company who provides immediate help after a fire, flood or storm via trained emergency responders and Shur-Sales Marketing, who has a relentless passion for firefighter safety. Both of these exciting new partnerships demonstrate each organization’s commitment to financially supporting the important work being done by the FCSN to help first responders and their families after a devastating cancer diagnosis and enhance our ability to deliver critical support and services when firefighters and their families need us the most.