A cross the state, cancer survivors and the many NYSUT locals and members who support them turn streets pink for six weeks each fall. “Each year survivors tell me how much the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks mean to them,” said NYSUT’s Maria Neira, who led the union’s efforts at the Albany walk in mid-October. “Positive energy and attitude are a huge part of their cancer battle.”

Cancer patients are also helped by the significant donations members raise to help researchers find a cure, and that’s why NYSUT became a flagship sponsor of the American Cancer Society in 2002. Go to www.nysut.org for photos and stories of NYSUT members and locals who raised money and awareness for the American Cancer Society this year.