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POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

## ASHA Members Host Congressional Community Visits

**OVER THE COURSE OF THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER** Congressional district work periods, ASHA members hosted Members of Congress for visits to their communities.

Three such visits included Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA-05) visiting Cogir on Napa Road in Sonoma, CA; Congresswoman Annie Kuster (D-NH-02) visiting Benchmark Senior Living's Greystone Farm at Salem in Salem, NH; and Congressman Brad Schneider (D-IL-10) visiting Senior Lifestyle's North Shore Place in Northbrook, IL. As ASHA advocates for immigration reform to help with the senior living workforce, these are perfect opportunities to discuss the need for such action by Congress and to stress that this is an issue they need to work on now. The Members of Congress and residents enjoyed the time spent together discussing issues impacting their communities.

Ben Levesque with Cogir Senior Living reports, "I am grateful to partner up with ASHA, and serve as a member of the 40 for the Future, to make this event successful. Congressman Thompson and his team were greeted by over 50 residents and team members. They were eager to listen to the Congressman's

Rep. Annie Kuster (D-NH-02) visits Benchmark Senior Living's Greystone Farm at Salem in Salem, NH



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**Above:** Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-05) tweets about visit to Cogir on Napa Road in Sonoma, CA

initiatives to support our industry. Often throughout the year, the community loves to host politically driven activities; thus, our residents were ready for this special visitor. Many residents attended the event and were able to ask Congressman Thompson questions regarding the need to address immigration reform, labor shortages, gun control and veterans financial support for long-



**Above:** Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL-10) visits Senior Lifestyle's North Shore Place in Northbrook, IL

term care. Special acknowledgement and gratitude from our residents and the Cogir team to ASHA and Congressman Thompson for this wonderful opportunity to visit Cogir on Napa Road."

Please consider inviting your Member of Congress (MOC) to visit a community in their district. ASHA can help with this, but the first step is easy. Just find the MOC for the community within your

portfolio you would like to invite. Email your intentions to [jeanne@ashaliving.org](mailto:jeanne@ashaliving.org) and [sheff@ashaliving.org](mailto:sheff@ashaliving.org) and we will get you the email contact and phone number so you can send an invitation. If you don't know who your MOC is, we can help with that as well. We will then follow-up with the office to help get this on their schedule. Seniors are an attractive constituent base for politicians.



**Above:** Richard Hutchinson, Discovery Senior Living presents Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) with ASHA's 2022 Senior Living Congressional Hero Award

## ASHA Presents Senator Susan Collins with Senior Living Congressional Hero Award

Maine Senator Susan Collins received ASHA's 2022 Senior Living Congressional Hero Award during the ASHA Fall Executive Board meeting in Washington, DC. As the former Chair of the Senate Aging Committee and a leader on the powerful Appropriations Committee, Senator Collins was instrumental in the industry's efforts to secure Provider Relief Funds to help with the financial distress associated with the pandemic. She also played a crucial role in ensuring that unspent PRF funds were not diverted to pay for the bi-partisan Infrastructure Act. She is spearheading an effort with Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) to streamline the process to grant migrants work authorization which could add workers to industries facing labor shortages including senior living. ASHA Executive Board members Bob Thomas of Senior Star and Richard Hutchinson of Discovery Senior Living presented the Senator with the award.

Let me truly start by commending all of the senior living professionals in the room and back in your businesses, for all the work that you do to help meet the needs of our nation's seniors. It is so important. As a senior representing the state with the highest median age, the oldest population — you all thought it was Florida? It's actually Maine. And as former Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I know firsthand the importance of the work that you do. And over the years, I've been very proud to work very closely with your association to further our shared mission of improving senior care and promoting dignity, choice, and independence. And that is what you provide. And I really salute you for that.

— Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) on receiving ASHA's 2022 Senior Living Congressional Hero Award

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The following 181 ASHA members have personally contributed to the SH PAC at the Chairman's Circle Level.

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\*As of October 31, 2022



## SH PAC Disbursements 2021 – 2022\*

For the two-year 2021-2022 election cycle, the Seniors Housing PAC has disbursed \$1,046,500 to 57 U.S. Senators and 130 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The SH PAC strives to support candidates based on the composition of the House and Senate. SH PAC giving reflects the ratios of the majority/minority parties in Congress. With the majority party having control over what legislation is brought to the House and Senate floor, it is important to support the party in control. We recognize that bipartisan support is still needed for much legislation to pass, especially in the Senate, and taking this into account SH PAC supports Members on both sides of aisle.

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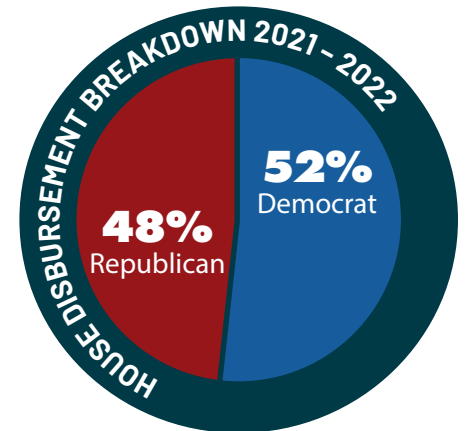
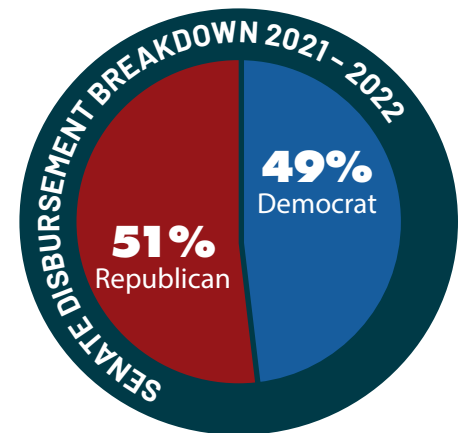
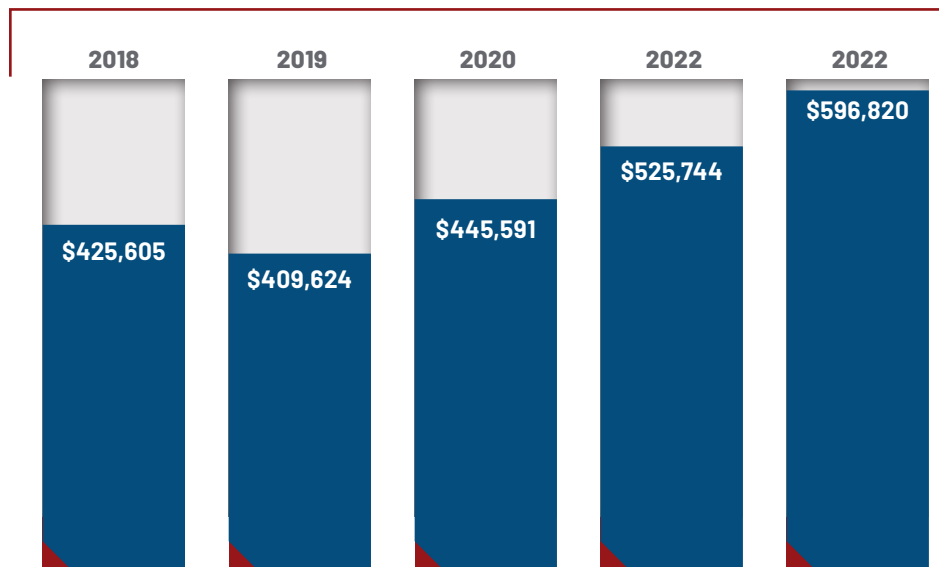
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## 2022 SH PAC Campaign Update

As of October 31, 2022, the SH PAC has received contributions and pledges from 283 individuals from 131 companies for a total of \$596,820. For the two-year 2021-2022 election cycle the SH PAC has raised \$1,122,564.

### Contributions to SH PAC 2018 – 2022



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