

# 2017 Advocacy Year in Review

Our Advocates engaged in **163 bills** in **39 states** resulting in **17 new laws**



Our army of advocates grew to **over 150,000**



There are more than **1,100 Ambassadors** in our program, with almost **180 new members** in the past two years



**49 people** achieved the Platinum Ambassador Award and will be honored at the Platinum Ambassador Assembly in March 2018

Since launching the Junior Ambassador program in 2017, we have **60 members** spanning **25 states**



Ambassadors showcased their advocacy accomplishments in our new **Ambassador Spotlight Blog** and **Advocate Webinar Series**



We engaged with over **5,000 Advocates and Ambassadors** through surveys and focus groups, collecting feedback to amplify the patient voice on specific issues



**Thousands of Advocates** made connections with their members of Congress resulting in new co-sponsors on our priority legislation

**Championed** patient-centered policy solutions to improve healthcare



Over **200 Advocates** attended **7 State Capitol Days** resulting in **227 legislative visits**



**140 of 535 members of Congress** sit on the Congressional Arthritis Caucus