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19th Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner Celebrates the Beginning of the Schwartz Center’s 20th Anniversary Year

2014 Schwartz Center Compassionate Caregiver Award® recipient and finalists to be honored at Schwartz Center event before 2,000 attendees

WHAT: The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare will host its 19th Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner, with guests including more than 2,000 leaders from hospitals, health plans, and health-related associations, as well as members of the biotech, pharmaceutical and medical device industries.

WHY: The 2014 dinner will mark the beginning of the Schwartz Center’s 20th year of bringing together patients, caregivers, policymakers, educators and researchers to make compassionate care a national healthcare priority. The dinner will also honor this year’s Compassionate Caregiver Award® recipient and finalists, who exemplify extraordinary compassion in caring for patients and families.

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014 at 5 p.m. ET

WHERE: Boston Convention & Exhibition Center
415 Summer St., Boston, MA 02210

PROGRAM: The dinner and formal program will begin at 7 p.m. ET with speakers and videos featuring poignant patient and caregiver stories. The speakers are Tom Lynch, MD, Director, Yale Cancer Center, Physician-in-Chief, Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven and Schwartz Center Board; Lynn Wiatrowski, Executive Vice President, Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Schwartz Center Board Chair; Julie Rosen, Executive Director, Schwartz Center; John Fernandez, President & CEO, Massachusetts Eye and Ear and Schwartz Center Dinner Chair; Sharon McNally, Chief of Staff, Connors Family Office, Schwartz Center Board and Leadership Council, and Dinner Chair; Robert G. Urban, PhD, Head, Johnson & Johnson Innovation, Boston and Schwartz Center Dinner Chair; and Kimberly A. Smith, Managing Director, Witt/Kieffer and Schwartz Center Dinner Chair.

Compassionate Caregiver Award finalists who will be honored at the dinner include: Scot Bateman, MD, Director of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at UMass Memorial Children’s Medical Center in Worcester, Massachusetts; Cranberry Hospice & Palliative Care Team at Beth Israel Deaconess-Plymouth in Plymouth, Massachusetts; Deborah Ferretti, MS, APRN, nurse practitioner on the Wolfson Palliative Care Team at The Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain, Connecticut; Thea James, MD, an emergency medicine physician at Boston Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts; and Kathryn Pratt, RN, BSN, nurse coordinator, Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven in New Haven, Connecticut.

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