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The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare Appoints Courtney Barth as Chief Development Officer

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BOSTON (November 17, 2025)—[The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare](#) announced the appointment of Courtney Barth as chief development officer.

Barth joins the Schwartz Center from New England Conservatory, where she served as vice president and chief of staff. Over her 30-year career spanning healthcare, the arts, higher education, and public broadcasting, she has developed and led fundraising initiatives that secured more than \$100 million for mission-driven organizations.

"We are thrilled to welcome Courtney to the Schwartz Center," said Schwartz Center CEO Michael Gustafson, MD, MBA. "Her proven track record in building sustainable support for organizations that make a meaningful difference in people's lives, combined with her deep commitment to mission-driven work, makes her the ideal leader to advance our fundraising efforts during this pivotal time in healthcare."

Barth's leadership experience includes senior roles at prominent Boston institutions such as Rogerson Communities, Boston Symphony Orchestra, WBUR, and Suffolk University. Her diverse background in fundraising, marketing, and administration has given her a unique perspective on engaging donors and stakeholders around critical social missions.

"I am honored to join the Schwartz Center at such an important moment for healthcare," said Barth. "The organization's commitment to compassionate care resonates deeply with me, and I look forward to working with supporters, healthcare professionals, and the broader community to advance this vital mission."

Barth earned her B.A. in Latin American Studies from Union College in Schenectady, NY. She is actively engaged in Boston's civic life, serving on the boards of the Fenway Alliance and Embrace Boston's E250 program committee. She has also chaired school-based parent councils for Boston Public Schools.

About the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare

Founded in 1995, the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare partners with healthcare organizations to advance compassion for patients, care teams, and their healing relationships.

Nearly 800 healthcare organizations around the world run the Schwartz Rounds® program, which creates dedicated space for healthcare workers to discuss the emotional dimensions of their work—both the challenges and the joys. Research shows this program strengthens compassion and enhances patient care.

The Schwartz Center’s evidence-informed programs and resources have proven to be versatile, sustainable and effective across diverse settings, including hospitals, outpatient clinics, cancer centers, VA medical centers, organ donation organizations, nursing homes, hospice providers, health insurers, and beyond.

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