



December 2019

### 24th Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner a Success

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our [24th Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner](#) last month. Our guest list included healthcare professionals, senior leaders and other Schwartz Center supporters from hospitals, health plans, biotech, pharmaceutical, finance, real estate and other industries. Keynote remarks were delivered by **Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker** who presented the [2019 National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year \(NCCY\)<sup>®</sup> Award](#).



#### Sophia Maurasse, MD, 2019 National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year Award Recipient

The 2019 [NCCY Award](#) was presented to **Sophia Maurasse, MD**, medical director of McLean Hospital's 3East Girls Intensive and Step-Down Programs, which provide intensive treatment for girls, ages 13 through 21, whose complicated stories include trauma, self-injury and other challenging

psychiatric conditions. Dr. Maurasse brings to her work the unique combination of highly skilled clinical expertise, an understanding of the full range of human behavior and an extraordinary capacity for compassion. She received her award on November 21 at the Schwartz Center's Annual Dinner.

[Read More About Sophia Maurasse, MD](#)

### Meet All of Our 2019 NCCY Award Finalists



In addition to Sophia Maurasse, MD, the other five 2019 NCCY Award finalists are:

**Justin N. Baker, MD, FAAHPM**, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN; **Joanne B. Glusman, MSW, LSW, APHSW-C**, Bryn Mawr Hospital, Main Line Health, Bryn Mawr, PA; **Elizabeth T. Heyne, PA-C, PsyD**, Children's Health, Dallas, TX; **Judy Ierardi, RT, (R) (CT) (MR)**, St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Boston, MA; and **Kari Rosenkranz, MD**, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH.

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### Early Bird Registration is Now Open

Early bird registration is now open for the 2020 [Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference](#) taking place June 14-16 at The Westin Copley Place in Boston. More than 600 clinicians, health system leaders and others committed to compassionate healthcare attended our 2019 Conference. We hope you can join us in 2020 for this unique opportunity to connect with colleagues from around the globe and learn about cutting-edge programs, strategies and tools to create and sustain cultures of compassion. Early bird rates are available until March 18.

[Register](#)

### Deadline Extended to Submit Abstracts

The Schwartz Center recognizes the broad range of wonderful, innovative and important work being carried out by healthcare professionals across all disciplines and specialty areas to enhance compassion in healthcare. [The 2020 Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference](#) is an excellent opportunity to share that work and we invite all to submit work for presentation.

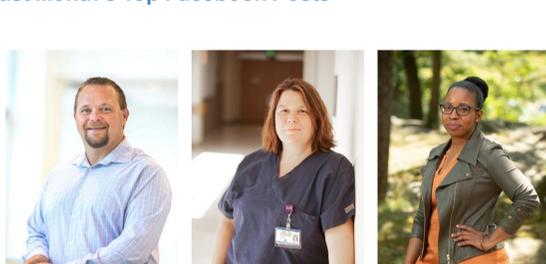
**Experienced professionals and newcomers alike are invited to submit abstracts on one or more of the following six themes:**

- Workforce resilience, well-being and engagement
- Communicating with patients, families and each other
- Creating compassionate, collaborative healthcare organizational culture
- Compassionate healthcare responses to social challenges (e.g., opioids, gun violence, immigration, stigma, bias)
- Engaging patients, families and their communities to support health
- Empathy and compassion research and implications for practice

**Submissions are due January 3, 2020.**

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### Last Month's Top Facebook Posts



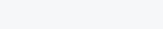
Here are the top [Facebook](#) posts that resonated most with our followers in November.

1. [Meet NCCY Award finalist, Justin Baker, MD. Justin is chief of the division of quality of life and palliative care at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN, and medical director of the QoLA – Quality of Life for All – team.](#)
2. [Meet NCCY Award finalist, Judy Ierardi, RT. Judy is a manager in radiology at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton, MA.](#)
3. [Meet NCCY Award finalist, Sophia L. Maurasse, MD. Sophia is the medical director of the 3East Girls Intensive and Step-Down Programs at McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA.](#)

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**Compassion in Action Webinar**

"Recognition & Gratitude: Why It Matters to Patients, Families & Healthcare"

**Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020**  
3:00 - 4:00 PM EST

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**Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference**

**June 14 - 16, 2020**  
Westin Copley Place  
in Boston

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**25th Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner**

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**Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020**  
Westin Boston Waterfront

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