



February 2020

Twenty-Five Years of Championing Compassionate Healthcare

Dear Friends,

We're excited to welcome you to the Schwartz Center's 25th year with a series of important activities!

After a year-long effort with our Board and other stakeholders, we are formally launching our new, three-year strategic plan that includes new mission and vision statements. The strategic plan is designed to expand our support for caregivers and their patients, diversify revenue, and advance our role as a leader in compassionate healthcare.

We'll be bringing together other leaders and clinicians from across the U.S. and several countries for our third [Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference](#) in Boston on June 14-16.

The Schwartz Center will finally cap the year with a special 25th Annual [Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner](#) on December 3. The event will feature our [National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year[®] \(NCCY\)](#) awardee and other interesting guests.

Throughout the year, we will share updates on our new and innovative programs and initiatives as well as information on how you can support this work.

We look forward to engaging with you during this exciting time as we pursue our common mission to put compassion at the heart of healthcare.

Matt Herndon, CEO



Registration is Open for the 2020 Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference

Join 600 clinicians, health system leaders and others who are committed to compassionate healthcare for the [2020 Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference](#), taking place June 14-16 at the Westin Copley Place in Boston. Take part in immersive sessions on some of the most pressing topics in healthcare today:

- Clinician Mental Health and Well-Being
- Compassionate Leadership
- Substance Use Disorder
- The Impact of Violence and Mass Casualty Events
- Healthcare and Immigration
- Technology
- Health Equity

Conference speakers will include:



Miriam Komaromy, MD, DFASAM, FACP

Medical Director, Grayken Center for Addiction; Boston Medical Center, Boston University



Cynda Hylton Rushton, PHD, RN, FAAN

Anne and George L. Bunting Professor of Clinical Ethics, Berman Institute of Bioethics/School of Nursing; Professor of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University



George C. Velmahos, MD, PHD, MSED

John F. Burke Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School; Chief, Division of Trauma, Emergency and Surgical Critical Care, Massachusetts General Hospital

Conference participants will leave the conference having gained inspiration, knowledge, skills and partners to improve care quality and outcomes, patient experience and workforce well-being through compassion and collaboration. CEU credits are available.

Early bird rates are available until **March 18, 2020**.

[Register Now](#)

Nominate a Compassionate Caregiver or Team Today



Nominations are now open for the [National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year \(NCCY\) Award](#), the Schwartz Center's national award program that recognizes outstanding healthcare professionals who display extraordinary devotion to patients and families. The award, now in its 22nd year, recognizes those who make a profound difference through their unmatched dedication to compassionate, collaborative care.

This year, in addition to the individual NCCY Award, **we have added a team category** to highlight the many outstanding collaborative efforts that are unique to teams of compassionate caregivers. We will choose finalists and a recipient in each category.

Deadline to nominate is March 23, 2020. Nominate an individual caregiver or team today and celebrate their commitment to compassion!

[Nominate](#)

Last Month's Top Facebook Posts



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

1. [Next time you're in the emergency department, or your family doctor's office, or visiting a specialist in clinic, try to think about how hard those individuals are working for your benefit.](#)
2. [Stephen Trzeciak \(who spoke at our 2019 Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference\) writes about the healing power of compassion in his new book.](#)
3. [A surgeon at Schwartz Center member site Akron Children's Hospital creates custom cartoon dressings for his pediatric patients to hide their surgical scars.](#)

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Save the Dates

Compassion in Action Webinar

"Integrating Bereaved Parents into Education and Parent-to-Parent Support Mechanisms"

Tuesday, April 14, 2020
3:00 - 4:00 PM EDT

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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

Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020
Westin Boston Waterfront

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