



September 2020



## Honoring a Nation of Compassionate Caregivers

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe it was a little over six months ago that most of us first heard the word "coronavirus." Before that, a global pandemic resulting in millions of sick Americans and hundreds of thousands of deaths sounded more like the plot of a Hollywood film.

Tragically, as we know all too well, COVID-19 is real. Since the pandemic began, healthcare workers around the country have been courageously providing care in some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable.

On Dec. 3, 2020, the Schwartz Center will host its **Virtual 25th Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner**, the theme of which is Honoring a Nation of Compassionate Caregivers. This virtual convening gives us the opportunity to recognize the extraordinary efforts of ALL healthcare workers who have selflessly and bravely put themselves at risk to care for others this year.

The annual dinner also makes it possible for us to offer **Schwartz Rounds®**, **Stress First Aid**, the **Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference** and other important programs to support the mental and emotional well-being of caregivers during these difficult times and into the future. We continue to be inspired by the extraordinary compassion we see from caregivers every day and we hope you can join us to honor them.

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Matt Herndon, CEO

## Virtual 25th Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner

The 25th **Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner** will take place virtually on Dec. 3, 2020 and will honor the extraordinary efforts and compassion demonstrated by healthcare workers across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic. Keynote address will be delivered by **Ashish K. Jha, MD, MPH**, dean of the School of Public Health, and professor of health services, policy & practice, at Brown University.

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### The Virtual Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference

Through Nov. 17, 2020

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### Schwartz Center Shares Expertise on NPR

Schwartz Center **Chief Medical Officer Beth Lown, MD**, was interviewed recently on WBUR, Boston's NPR News Station, for an *All Things Considered* segment, **Health Care Workers Face Mental Health**

**Struggles After Caring For COVID Patients.** The segment was one in a **two-part series**.

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

Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020

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## Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference Sessions Continuing Through November

**The 2020 Virtual Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference** continues with twice weekly sessions through November. Registration is still open and includes access to recordings of all prior sessions. Continuing education credits are available.



### Upcoming sessions include:

#### **What We've Learned About Health Inequities from This Pandemic and What We Can Do About It**

October 1, 2020, 1:00-2:00 PM EDT



**Dani Monroe, MSOD**  
Chief Diversity, Equity and  
Inclusion Officer, Mass  
General Brigham



**Karthik Sivashanker,  
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## Compassionate Caregivers in Action

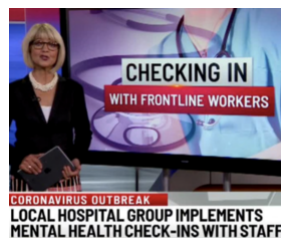
In each edition of *Touchpoints*, we profile a caregiver (or caregivers) who demonstrates exemplary compassion in the delivery of care. This month we profile Terri Lee and Peaches, the volunteer pet therapy team at JPS Health Network in Fort Worth, Texas.



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Here are some of our recent social media posts that resonated most with our followers.

1. [Today we pause to remember our founder and namesake, Ken Schwartz.](#)
2. [Thank you to @WTNH and Kim Richards, CNO and VP of Patient Care Services, at @SaintFrancisC for sharing...](#)
3. [Dr. Beth Lown, Chief Medical Officer at the Schwartz Center was interviewed on @WBUR's All Things Considered.](#)



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