

MEDIA ADVISORY

20th Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner Celebrates 20 Years of Compassionate Care

Award-winning author Atul Gawande to present the inaugural Schwartz Center National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year Award before 2,000 Attendees

WHAT: The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare will celebrate its 20th anniversary at this year's Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner with 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. There is also a growing corporate presence, with leaders from banking, real estate and law.

WHY: The 2015 dinner marks the Schwartz Center's 20th year of uniting patients, caregivers, policymakers, educators and researchers to celebrate compassionate healthcare and continue to advance it as a national priority. This dinner will also honor the inaugural Schwartz Center National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year (NCCY) Award recipient and finalists, who exemplify extraordinary compassion in caring for patients and families.

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015 at 5 p.m. ET

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

PROGRAM: There will be a reception at 5 p.m. ET followed by a formal dinner program at 7 p.m. ET, which will feature speakers and poignant videos showcasing patient and caregiver stories. Award-winning author **Atul Gawande, MD, MPH**, will serve as the event's honorary speaker and will also present the Schwartz Center NCCY Award. Additional speakers include **Marna Borgstrom**, President and CEO, Yale New Haven Health, CEO, Yale-New Haven Hospital and Schwartz Center Dinner Chair; **Ruth Kilduff**, Chairman, Integro Insurance Brokers, Vice Chair, Schwartz Center Board of Directors and Dinner Chair; **Stacey Lucchino**, Schwartz Center Dinner Chair; **Julie Rosen**, Executive Director, Schwartz Center; **Clare Reilly**, Schwartz Center Dinner Chair; and **Mark E. Reynolds**, President, CRICO and Schwartz Center Dinner Chair.

This year's Schwartz Center NCCY Award finalists to be honored during the dinner are: **Rick Boyte, MD**, pediatric palliative and critical care physician at The University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Miss; **Melody J. Cunningham, MD**, pediatric palliative care and hematology/oncology physician and medical director of Threads of Care at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.; **Cheryl D. Kane, MEd, BSN, RN**, director of nursing at the Barbara McInnis House at Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program in Boston; **Krista Nelson, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C**, oncology social worker at Providence Cancer Center in Portland, Ore.; **Jayne O'Malley, BSN, RN, OCN**, at Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown, N.Y.; and **Terry Yoas, CNA**, at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital in Santa Rosa, Calif.

The Schwartz Center NCCY Award is made possible through the generous support of CRICO, Lahey Health, Novo Nordisk, Tenet Healthcare, Yale New Haven Health and Modern Healthcare, the media sponsor of this year's award. For more information, visit: schwartzcenter.org/award.

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