



December 2018

Compassionate Care – Love in Action

Hear what compassionate care means to our [2018 National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year® \(NCCY\) Award](#) finalists: **Wendy Walters, LICSW**, from UAB Medicine; **Lolita Roland, RN, CARN**, from Cambridge Health Alliance; **Pat O'Malley, MD**, from MassGeneral Hospital for Children; **the Emergency Medical Response Team** from NewYork-Presbyterian Lower Manhattan Hospital; **Glen Komatsu, MD**, from Providence St. Joseph Health; and 2018 NCCY Award recipient, **Terry Stancin, PhD, ABPP**, from The MetroHealth System.

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Help Provide Vital Support for Caregivers



Bridget was only 21 when she was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. But she still had big plans and she found a doctor who understood. “I wanted to get married and have hair for my wedding day,” she said. Bridget’s doctor treated her like a person, not an illness. The compassionate

care she received from her doctor is the kind of care all patients deserve. At the Schwartz Center, we want every patient’s story to be one of empathy, respect and good communication, and we want every caregiver to be supported in providing that kind of care. You can help ensure that the doctor who cared for Bridget—and 288,000 more like her each year—receive vital support from our programs.

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Submit Your Work for Conference Presentations



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 Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference](#), which will take place in Boston on Sept. 8 - 10, 2019, is an excellent opportunity to share that work.

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 cultures
- 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

Submission are due by January 1, 2019.

[Submit Your Work](#)

Last Month's Top Facebook Posts



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

1. [Meet NCCY Award finalist Glen Komatsu, MD.](#)
2. [2018 NCCY Award honorable mention Brian Schreck has been recording the heartbeats of cancer patients to incorporate into a unique musical composition written with the patients and/or their families.](#)
3. [Congratulations to the 2018 National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year \(NCCY\) Award recipient, Terry Stancin, PhD, ABPP.](#)

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Save the Dates!

Facilitation Workshops

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019

View the [details](#) for our 2019 sessions

[Schwartz Center healthcare members only](#)

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2018 Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference

Sept. 8-10, 2019

The Westin Boston Waterfront
425 Summer St., Boston, MA

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24th Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019

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