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# 8th Annual Boston North Cancer Association Hope Begins Here Award Reception

May 3, 2018 • 6 pm Danversport, Danvers, MA

Boston North Cancer Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides North Shore communities with resources for cancer treatment, prevention, education and care.

In 2010, Boston North Cancer Association's Board of Directors established the *Hope Begins Here* Award. This prestigious award is presented annually to an outstanding leader and advocate for cancer prevention, treatment and care on the North Shore. The honoree's personal and/or professional accomplishments reflect Boston North Cancer Association's mission and goals. In conjunction with this award, a \$3,500 college scholarship is awarded to a local, college-bound high school senior in honor of the *Hope Begins Here* Award recipient. This year's honoree is **David J. Solimine, Sr.** founder of Solimine Funeral Homes and a member of BNCA Board of Directors and Past President.

The Hope Begins Here Awards Reception is the signature fundraising event to benefit Boston North Cancer Association. Annually at the reception the association awards three scholarships to exceptional North Shore students whose lives have been touched by cancer. Two \$3,500 college scholarships are awarded, one in honor of David J. Solimine Sr., the other in honor of the Hope Begins Here award recipient. The third, a \$7,500 medical school scholarship to a student who has a demonstrated interest in cancer treatment and prevention, is awarded in memory of the late Dr. F. John Bargoot.

Since 2011, BNCA has proudly awarded the following cancer crusaders with the prestigious Hope Begins Here Award; Dr. Ronald Weinger ('11), Dr. Donald Perlman ('12), Dr. Karen Krag ('13), Dr. Herbert Leventhal ('14), Diane T. Stringer ('15), Dr. Andrea McKee and Dr. Rebecca Yang ('16), and Dr. Noel P. DeFelippo ('17).

#### Hope Begins Here Awards Reception - May 3, 2018

The *Hope Begins Here* Awards will take place in May 3, 2018, from 6-9 pm at Danversport, Danvers, MA. The awards reception will feature great food, complimentary cocktails, raffles and live music.

All proceeds benefit the Boston North Cancer Association's scholarship program.

For more information about the event and sponsorship/advertising opportunities, contact Justine Chamberlin at 508.641.7900 or ifchamberlin@bostonnorthcancer.org



#### Mission of Boston North Cancer Association

Boston North Cancer Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides North Shore communities with resources for cancer treatment, prevention, education and care.

The Association's Education Committee was established in 1926 under the Cancer Control Program enacted by the Massachusetts Legislature and was incorporated as a charitale organization in 1944 under the leadership of Carolyn Engler becoming the Lynn Cancer Association, Inc. Since then the association has expanded to become a leader and advocate for cancer treatment, prevention, care and education on the North Shore. To date, the association has provided more than \$1M in funding to support cancer programs and services in North Shore communities. The association is solely funded through private contributions and bequests.

In 2011, as the result of continued growth and to better reflect its commitment to serve communities located on the North Shore of Massachusetts, the association's name was changed to Boston North Cancer Association, Inc.

#### **Scholarship Program**

Founded in 2009, the Boston North Cancer Association Scholarship Program helps promising North Shore students overcome the challenges and hardships posed by cancer so they may achieve their dreams of higher education. It also advances improved methods of cancer treatment and prevention in the future by providing financial assistance to medical school students interested in cancer studies.

Three scholarships are awarded annually to three outstanding students from the North Shore:

- The F. John Bargoot, MD Memorial Scholarship of \$7,500 for a medical school student who attended high school on the North Shore and has a demonstrated interest in cancer treatment and prevention
- The David J. Solimine Sr. Honorary Scholarship of \$3,500 for a college-bound North Shore high school senior who is a cancer survivor or undergoing treatment for cancer
- The Hope Begins Here Scholarship\* of \$3,500 for a college-bound North Shore high school senior who has a parent that has dealt with cancer
  - \*This scholarship is awarded annually in honor of the annual Hope Begins Here Award recipient.

#### **Grants Program**

Boston North Cancer Association awards grants to community organizations, medical professionals and medical facilities that help reduce the risk of cancer for all ages and enhance the health and well-being of cancer patients, cancer survivors and family members of those with cancer.

**Community Grants** – Up to \$20,000 in grants are awarded annually to community programs that serve North Shore residents and promote cancer treatment, prevention and education.

**Professional Development Grants** – Up to \$10,000 in grants are awarded annually to fund educational and skills training opportunities for North Shore medical professionals.

**Special Grants** – Requests are accepted from North Shore medical facilities for the purchase of medical equipment and technology to detect and treat cancer.