



Hope Begins Here

9th Annual Boston North Cancer Association *Hope Begins Here* Award Reception

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Danversport, Danvers, MA

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Boston North Cancer Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides north of Boston 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 **Joel H. Schwartz, MD, FACP**, Director of Oncology Services at Mass General/North Shore Cancer Center in Danvers.

The *Hope Begins Here* Awards Reception is the signature fundraising event to benefit Boston North Cancer Association. Annually at the reception the association awards four scholarships to exceptional north of Boston students whose lives have been touched by cancer. Three \$3,500 college scholarships are awarded, one in honor of David J. Solimine Sr., one in memory of BNCA board member Mary Barbuzzi who passed away from breast cancer in 2018, and the third in honor of the *Hope Begins Here* award recipient, Dr. Joel H. Schwartz. The fourth, 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), Dr. Noel P. DeFelippo ('17), and David J. Solimine, Sr. ('18).

Hope Begins Here Awards Reception – May 2, 2019

The *Hope Begins Here* Awards will take place on Thursday, May 2, 2019, from 6-9 pm at Danversport, Danvers, MA. The awards reception will feature great food, complimentary cocktails, raffles and live music.

Generous donations help support the Boston North Cancer Association's scholarship and grant programs.

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



Mission of Boston North Cancer Association

Boston North Cancer Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides north of Boston 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 charitable 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, education and care to communities north of Boston. To date, the association has provided more than \$1M in funding to support cancer programs and services to communities north of Boston. 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 north of Boston, 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 students in communities north of Boston 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.

Four scholarships are awarded annually to three outstanding north of Boston students:

- **The F. John Bargoot, MD Memorial Scholarship** of \$7,500 for a medical school student who resided in Essex County during high school 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 of Boston high school senior who is a cancer survivor or undergoing treatment for cancer.
- **The Mary Barbuzzi Breast Cancer Scholarship** of \$3,500 for a college-bound north of Boston high school senior who has a parent currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer, survived breast cancer treatment, or passed away from breast cancer.
- **The Hope Begins Here Scholarship*** of \$3,500 for a college-bound north of Boston 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 of Boston 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 of Boston medical professionals.

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