

HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY'S ANNUAL GALA TO HONOR HEALTH CARE AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, HANDS-ON HOSPITAL STAFF

NEW YORK, N.Y. (October 27, 2016)— HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN) will hold its annual Wholeness of Life Gala on November 3 in New York City to honor select health care and community leaders and hands-on hospital staff who exemplify outstanding compassion and commitment to their profession and/or community.

HCCN's annual gala is the New York City-based nonprofit organization's single largest source of awareness-raising and revenue-raising to advance the integration of spiritual care in health care through clinical practice, research and education, and improve quality of life for patients and their families, regardless of religion or beliefs. The gala will take place at the Mandarin Oriental New York in New York City.

"The 2016 gala comes at an exciting time in health care, in which spiritual care is increasingly being recognized as a critical part of whole-person care," said Rev. Eric J. Hall, HCCN's president and CEO. "HealthCare Chaplaincy is committed to amplifying our resources to meet the rising demand for spiritual support inside and outside traditional hospital settings from countless people who are ill, grieving or in spiritual distress. Professional chaplaincy and other spiritual support can make a significant impact on their quality of life."

HCCN will present Community Honoree Awards to Jay Badame, president and COO of Tishman Construction, An AECOM Company, in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, who has overseen the construction of some of the region's newest landmark structures, such as the 1, 3 and 4 World Trade Center office towers; and Wendell Scantebury, director of pastoral care at Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) at Eastern Regional Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pa., who provides spiritual and emotional support, education and counseling to patients and their families.

It will also present Raymond R. Schroeder, president, Interim HealthCare of the Upstate South Carolina, Greenville, S.C., with its prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. Earlier this year, HCCN granted its "Excellence in Spiritual Care Award" to Interim HealthCare Hospice, a part of Interim HealthCare of the Upstate South Carolina, distinguishing the local agency as the first hospice in the nation to receive this honor.

In addition, HCCN will recognize, as Patient Care Honorees, a diverse group of employees for their efforts in improving the patient experience at major New York area hospitals. They are: Elizabeth Colman, RN, a registered nurse at Hospital for Special Surgery, New York City; Melanie J. Carrow, RN, a clinical nurse in the Department of Nursing, Outpatient Service: Infectious Disease Service, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York City; Denise Knox, a dietary worker at Mount Sinai Beth Israel, New York City; Fernando G. Rivera, RN, clinical nurse manager, Medical Intensive Care Unit, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City; Mark Collazo, director of Respiratory Care Services, Mount Sinai

St. Luke's/Mount Sinai West, New York City; and Paul Hartendorp, M.D., a colorectal surgeon, at Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola, N.Y.

For more information about the Wholeness of Life Gala, visit www.HCCNgala.org.

About HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™

HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™ is a global health care nonprofit organization that offers spiritual-related information and resources, and professional chaplaincy services in hospitals, other health care settings, and online. Its mission is to advance the integration of spiritual care in health care through clinical practice, research and education in order to improve patient experience and satisfaction and help people faced with illness and grief find comfort and meaning—whoever they are, whatever they believe, wherever they are. For more information, visit www.healthcarechaplaincy.org, call 212-644-1111, and connect with us on [twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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