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As the leader of the nation's largest voluntary health organization, I thank you. As a cancer survivor, I thank you. As a father and grandfather, I thank you. Because of your dedication to the fight against cancer, we have been able to accomplish things we only dreamed about.

Today, the hopeful side of cancer has never been more hopeful. Today there are more than 11.7 million cancer survivors in the United States alone. And new and better treatments are a surety. At the core of this is the American Cancer Society. Thanks to Gala Honorees, Dr. Eva Chalas and Dr. Dwight De Risi and supporters like you we are creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays, where every year of life is cause for celebration.

In the past century, the American Cancer Society has saved countless lives by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures and fighting back against cancer. Against the odds we have turned cancer from a taboo subject into a rallying cry for change. In total we have helped avert nearly 650,000 cancer deaths since the early 1990s—creating 350 more birthdays each and every day.

It is thanks to your dedication that we have funding for more researchers focused on finding causes and cures. In 2010, 98 researchers in New York and New Jersey probed in-depth questions related to prevention, genetic signals, metastasis, disparities, and quality of life. Among them, Dr. Charles Basch of Columbia University received \$2.1 million to study colon cancer disparities; and Dr. Yibin Kang of Princeton University and his team recently discovered the MTDH gene, which appears to be involved in more than a third of all breast cancers. Now scientists are researching how drugs might be able to block the gene – keeping local tumors from metastasizing.

It is thanks to you that we were able to provide 250,000 nights of free lodging and caring support to nearly 40,000 guests at our 30 Hope Lodges including three Hope Lodges in Manhattan, Buffalo, and Rochester. The Hope Lodge New York City Jerome L. Greene Family Center was a home-away-from home for guests from 46 states and 21 countries, including hundreds of guests from nearby New York State and New Jersey.

Congratulations to our dedicated Gala of Hope Honorees and Committee Members tonight and thank you for all you do. It is because of you that I, and many survivors like myself, can celebrate another birthday.

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2012 Gala of Hope Physicians of Distinction



Eva Chalas, M.D., FACOG, FACS

***Director, Clinical Cancer Services
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Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola, New York***

Dr. Eva Chalas obtained her MD degree from Stony Brook University, School of Medicine, and completed her residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at its Medical Center. She continued her post graduate education as a Fellow in Gynecologic Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, where in 1987 she served as an American Cancer Society Fellow. Dr. Chalas is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and in Gynecologic Oncology, and is a Fellow in American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and of American College of Surgeons (ACS).

Dr. Chalas has held a leadership role in a number of important national societies. She has held a two-term position as Governor in the American College of Surgeons, completed a six year term as Secretary-Treasurer of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO) and served on the board of Gynecologic Cancer Foundation (GCF), now known as the Foundation for Women's Cancer. Dr. Chalas has also been a member of numerous committees of ACOG and currently serves as the Chair of ACOG District II. In this role, she represents over 3,000 New York State obstetricians and gynecologists as a member of the Executive Board of the College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She has also served as an officer of local societies.

Dr. Chalas has received many awards for her work. She is most proud of the "1st Annual Wave of Hope Gala" and the "Something to Believe In", awards given to her by grateful patients and their family members. She has been consistently selected to the "Top Doctors" list, has received "Local Legend from New York" award from the American Medical Women's Association and was granted the National Leadership award by the National Republican Congressional Committee. Her commitment to medical student and resident physician education has been recognized by a number of excellence in teaching awards.

Dr. Chalas is the Director of Clinical Cancer Services and Vice-Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Winthrop University Hospital, where she practices, caring for women with gynecologic cancers or complex gynecologic problems. She holds the academic rank of Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine at Stony Brook University, School of Medicine.

Dr. Chalas has been a steadfast supporter of women's health. She is involved in clinical research, and has published and lectured extensively, particularly on prevention and treatment of gynecologic cancers. She and her family, along with her partners, patients and healthcare team, have a long history of participating in community events regionally and nationally, helping increase awareness of women's cancers and raising funds to support research aimed at prevention, early detection and effective therapy.



Dwight De Risi, M.D., FACS

***Surgical Oncologist, Long Island Breast Care
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Cofounder, Lean on Me Breast Care Network Inc.***

After Dr. Dwight De Risi completed his studies at Seton Hall University and received his Doctorate in Medicine from Georgetown University School of Medicine, he began his residency with an eye on becoming an open-heart surgeon. But a new interest in cases of tumors transcended his earlier desire. Dr. De Risi began to see that cancer patients, in particular, seemed to be in need of not only the support of an expert doctor to take care of them surgically, but also support on an emotional level.

After finishing his surgical training at North Shore University Hospital, he received a graduate fellowship degree in surgical oncology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo. Dr. De Risi became the first surgically trained oncologist doing breast cancer surgery on Long Island, and in 1999, with over 25 years of experience, he started his solo practice. In 2010 his practice Long Island Breast Care partnered with ProHEALTH Care Associates.

He is recognized as a leader in his field, introducing and popularizing important new breast cancer surgical techniques, including mastectomy with immediate reconstruction and partial mastectomy with internal flap reconstruction, as well as other advanced procedures. He helped introduce breast MRI, one of the most refined techniques for breast cancer evaluation which has now become a standard of care.

De Risi's ability to develop a rapport with his patients led him to partner with several loyal patients and found a non-profit support group called Lean on Me Breast Cancer Network Inc. in 2000. "Lean on Me" is about keeping women informed," says De Risi. "The volunteers, who are mostly in post-surgical treatment themselves, help others along on a one to one basis, hook into their daily events, go out to lunch with them, and help them through difficulties, mental and physical.

De Risi is the liaison for the Commission on Cancer at North Shore University Hospital at Glen Cove, and is head of Chief of Breast services at ProHEALTH Care. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, member of the American Medical Association, Society of Surgical Oncology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Breast Disease, Medical Society of the State of New York, and Nassau Surgical Society.

Through the years, he has received honors from, among others, The Sass Foundation for Medical Research, The Beth C. Tortolani Foundation, New York College of Holistic Health, Lean on Me Breast Cancer Network Inc., Networking Magazine's David Award, Hockey Fights Cancer, and The 1st Long Island Breast Cancer Summit. Recently he received the Gay Clark Stoddard Award for most compassionate doctor from the Greater New York City, Susan G. Komen for the cure.

If a doctor can have one inspiration and confidant, Donna De Risi provides the balance that assures her husband's success. "She is my backbone," says De Risi, who with Donna, a North Shore University Hospital secretary who became the first Operating Room technician, have four children, Darren, Drew, Dara, and Deirdre, and four grandchildren.

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Lean On Me Breast Cancer Network Inc.

was established as a non-profit organization in May of 2000 by Dr. Dwight De Risi, Donna De Risi, Sharon Pape, Ursula Thall, and the late Gerry Accardo. Its goal is to provide one on one support for women and men who have been diagnosed with breast cancer by pairing them with volunteer survivors. We have trained over eighty volunteers and helped thousands of patients. We have expanded our programs and services to include several forums for education and support.

We have a licensed social worker who conducts a weekly group therapy session. We hold two education seminars with a panel of physicians, and two wellness retreats each year. Also provided are information kits, necessity bags, wigs, and post-surgical bras for patients with private fittings when needed.

We have been fortunate enough to receive grants from The Beth C. Tortolani Foundation, The Sass Foundation for Medical Research, The Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer, and Beauty for a Cure. All of our services are *free of charge* because of the grants as well as donations from physicians, patients, family and friends. All patients have access to a comprehensive set of resources in order to manage their diagnosis, treatment, and recovery.

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Dwight Carlton De Risi, M.D.

I am so proud of the man you are, a loving husband, a devoted father, an amazing Popi, and a compassionate doctor. Receiving this award validates the recognition you deserve. Your comforting, calming, gentle ways allay the fears for your patients and your family. Thank you for always being there for all of us. I treasure all of the beautiful "yesterdays," the todays, and look forward to all of the tomorrows. I love you.

All for Always, Donna

Dad, your dedication to your practice is beyond compare, the amount of time you devote to your patients is amazing. You set such a wonderful example for our family with your work ethic and compassion to help others. We are so proud of you. Congratulations on being recognized for your achievements in the battle against breast cancer.

We love you very much, Darren, Janna, Hudson, and Bella

Dad, I was not surprised when I learned that you were selected to receive this prestigious honor. I cannot imagine a more dedicated, loved and deserving physician. I am forever proud of you and all of your honored achievements. You have set the tone for which I have lived my life. I wish you love and congratulations.

Your Son, Drew

Dad, congratulations on being honored for yet another prestigious award. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of such an accolade. It never ceases to amaze me when people connect my name to yours and the next words to follow are, "I love your father, he is the absolute best." I couldn't agree more. You are a brilliant surgeon, an amazing father and a true friend. You inspire me every day to do better, be better; to be more like you. We love you.

Love, Deirdre and Matthew

Dad... Congratulations on a well-deserved accolade. We are so proud of you and your tireless fight against breast cancer. We asked Cecile (3yrs) what she would say to you in the wake of this great honor and she replied...

"Skinamarinky dinky dink, Skinamarinka doo, I love you, I love you in the morning and in the afternoon, I love you in the evening and underneath the moon!" We could not have said it better if we tried.

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*Kudos,
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Judy Martin



Judy Martin is an Emmy-award winning broadcast journalist who has spent much of her career in broadcasting at News 12 Long Island while gaining experience in the national arena. With more than 15 years covering business news and workplace culture, Judy has contributed as a national radio reporter to Marketplace Morning report, NPR, The World Vision Report, CNBC Business Radio, and BBC Radio 3. Among her accolades: the National Press Foundation Economic Fellowship, Associated Press Club Award, Telly Award, Angel Award and numerous Long Island Press Club Awards.

As the founder of WorkLifeNation.com, Judy tracks workplace culture, labor and economic trends. She is known as a trailblazing speaker and pundit on work life issues and was recently invited to participate in the White House Workplace Flexibility Dialogues organized by the Obama Administration.

As a New York City Correspondent for American Public Media's Marketplace Morning Report Judy covered business, corporate and workplace issues. She reported live from Ground Zero after the terror attacks and live from the New York Stock Exchange the day it reopened after the events of 9/11. She also volunteered with the children of the victims for weeks after the tragedy. In those tenuous years, Judy covered the upheaval in the corporate arena and the global markets.

Judy is a certified Hospice volunteer and has worked with both adults and children in the last stages of their lives. She also teaches stress reduction techniques to business executives.

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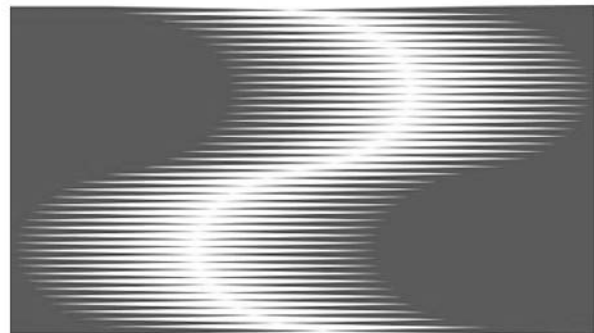
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