

Spirit of Hope Celebration Raises Over \$54,000 for Northeast Regional Cancer Institute



The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute board of ambassadors and associate board of ambassadors met in mid- January at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport for a wrap-up meeting of the 2015 Spirit of Hope Celebration. The Ambassadors presented the Cancer Institute with a \$54,342 check from this past year's event.

The Board of Ambassadors, a group of community volunteers, hosted the fourth annual Spirit of Hope Celebration in November 2015 at Mohegan Sun Pocono. More than 350 people were in attendance. The event featured cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music and a live and silent auction.

The feature of the celebration was the Tribute to Courage, which honored two prominent community members, Evie Rafalko McNulty and James Barrett McNulty.

Proceeds from the event benefited the Cancer Institute's Patient Navigation Program. This program helps low income and un/underinsured individuals in northeast Pennsylvania get their recommended colorectal, breast, and cervical cancer screenings.

Spirit of Hope Celebration 2015 Photo

Seated, from left to right: Roxanne Schulman, Karen M. Saunders, Traci Fosnot, Leo Vergnetti, Spirit of Hope Board Chair; Angela Rempe Jones, Robin Long and Jessica Kalinoski.

Second row, standing from left to right: Philip Medico (seated), David Nape, John Heil, Jennifer Heil, Vince Scarpetta, Pat Sicilio, Gene Sperazza.

Back row, from left to right: Jeff George, Paul McGloin, Dr. Christopher Peters, James Gorman, Joe Ferguson, Greg Gagorik, Thomas Cummings, Jr., John P. Rodgers, Tom Blaskewicz, Charles C. Jefferson, Richard Conaboy and P. Richard Scheller.

Absent from the photo: Chuck Morgan, Brian McQuestion, Andrew Wallace, John and Jennifer Heil, William F. Rinaldi, Dr. Steven J. Szydlowski, Sharon Lynett, Jennifer Lynett, John Moran, Dan Meuser, Scott E. Henry, Attorney Mark J. Conway, Jim Brady, Susan Brady, Nicholas F. Colangelo.

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