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~2020~
*Compassionate Care
Awards*

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Virtual Event



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~ *Our mission* ~

Hope After Loss, Inc.

*helps those who experience pregnancy and
or infant loss*

*to find the inspiration of hope
by providing
connections, comfort and care.*

Letter from Chair of Board of Directors of



July 23, 2020

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Hope After Loss Board of Directors, it is my privilege to welcome you to the Compassionate Care Awards. We are looking forward to an evening of honoring our award recipients Dr. David Schmidt and Dr. Jacob McPadden. Truly, these caregivers went above and beyond in their compassion for their patients and families, and for that, we are forever grateful.

Hope After Loss helps those who experience pregnancy or infant loss to find the inspiration of hope by providing connections, comfort, and care. Hope After Loss offers burial support, outreach and education, and peer to peer support groups in locations across Connecticut, and online. Support group facilitators have all experienced their own loss, each with their own story, yet each has been there. Bereaved parents can connect with each other, and be with others who “get it.” The model of support offered by Hope After Loss works. I can say this with certainty because Hope After Loss helped me when my Nora Kimberly was born still 15 years ago. I know I would not be where I am today without Hope After Loss, this is why I’m so passionate about helping others who walk this path today. Bereaved parents do not have to grieve alone, Hope After Loss can sit with them while the waves of grief crash down.

A very special thank you to our Circle of Hope members, sponsors, and donors for making the work of Hope After Loss possible, including our Annual Diamond Sponsor, Bartlett Legal Group. It is because of your strong support that we are able to continue to spread Hope. During this global pandemic, we have moved to online support groups, which has allowed Hope to reach farther than ever before. When it is safe to do so, we will be back in person in West Hartford, Manchester, New Haven, Waterford, Fairfield, Guilford, and New Canaan. Hope After Loss also continues to train 10-15 support group facilitators a year to lead the peer to peer support groups. Additionally, an average of 6-8 requests for burial assistance support are fulfilled each month. Hope After Loss also provides outreach and education to medical professionals in hospitals around the state, and connects with bereaved parents who don’t have to feel alone. Bereaved parents who will never forget. Bereaved parents who now have hope. Because with your help, there is no limit to the amount of Hope that can be spread to those who need it.

Thank you for joining us in hope,

Kimberly Nelly

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Program of Events

7:00 PM

Welcome and Introduction of Master of Ceremonies,
Stephanie Byrd

Welcome and Introduction of Board Chair,
Nicole Nalepa WFSB

Board Chair Address, Kimberly Nelly

Master of Ceremony's Address, Nicole Nalepa WFSB

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Musical Performance, John Michael Parker

Presentation of the 2020 Compassionate Care Awards,
Nicole Nalepa WFSB

Diamond Sponsor Address, Frank Bartlett

Special Address, Jennifer Cretella

Closing Remarks, Stephanie Byrd

2020

Compassionate Care Awards

Recipients

Dr. David W. Schmidt

Dr. David Schmidt – nominated by Michelle Raszcewski. Dr. Schmidt supported Michelle through two miscarriages and a subsequent successful pregnancy. “Compassionate care allows parents to begin the process of grieving and healing. It is the respect, empathy, support and hope that we parents sometimes can’t give ourselves after loss,” said Michelle. She described how after her losses, he made time for her and sat with her while she cried and that when she had to be seen for an emergency ultrasound when she was pregnant again, he let out an elated sigh of relief when they all heard the heartbeat. She sobbed, and while a resident working with Dr. Schmidt was caught off guard by the tears, Dr. Schmidt knew what she needed. “He stopped what he was doing, acknowledged all the feelings I was feeling but couldn’t put into words.”

Dr. Jacob McPadden

Dr. Jacob McPadden, Neonatologist – nominated Dana and Daniel Romano. The Romano’s lost their third son, Julian Daniel, on August 3, 2019. Julian survived for 36 hours after birth at 34.5 weeks and passed away peacefully in his parent’s arms under the care of Dr. McPadden. “We nominated Dr. McPadden for his incredible amount of empathy, responsiveness, and compassion as we faced the absolute hardest moments of our lives.” The Romano’s told a story of patience and presence that carried over to the months following the death of their son. “What is it that we wish all caregivers would do with their patients? It is being present. In the moments when we feel so weak, so helpless, so confused, being made available can be the very thing we need. Because the reality is, sometimes our caregivers are the closest ones we have that have felt what we’ve felt and who have seen what we have seen. And in a time that can feel so isolating, presence is what we long for.”



Hope After Loss, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Your support of the Compassionate Care Awards will ensure that Hope After Loss continues to provide our much needed services - (peer support, burial & cremation assistance and outreach & education) to bereaved women, men, and families throughout the state of Connecticut and beyond.

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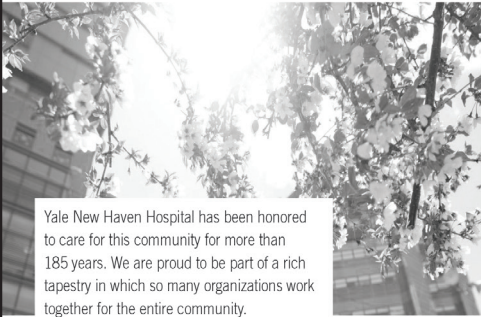
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