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The Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of
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Mission

The Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation (HCRF) supports cutting-edge, “think outside the box” research at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. The urgency of its mission is fueled by increased incidence of cancer amongst young people in recent years, driving its efforts to help an exemplary team accelerate progress and optimize the impact of cancer research.

HCRF funding focuses on empowering investigators to address the most urgent questions in the field of cancer biology and oncology. In this way, world renown investigators can harness new knowledge and discoveries generated through basic research. These new insights pave the way for innovative cancer treatments and launch game-changing translational research that can save lives. Inspired by Hippocrates himself, a revolutionary in the practice of medicine, HCRF seeks to create an opportunity to help achieve breakthroughs and cure cancer.

Vision

Leonidas Platanius, MD, PhD, pursued a career in oncology, believing cancer research to be the most critical field in medicine. He stated, “Everyone will be affected by this disease. It is humanity’s biggest healthcare challenge.”

As Director of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center at Northwestern University, Dr. Platanius leads a team that integrates cutting-edge cancer research with world-class clinical care. His vision drives collaboration to ensure the highest quality treatment across Northwestern Medicine’s expanding health system.

Researchers across 31 departments focus on all aspects of cancer research, offering innovative clinical trials and treatments. Dr. Platanius emphasizes, “We aim to provide life-saving treatments today that may take a decade to become standard elsewhere.”

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Across the Lurie Cancer Center, our physicians and scientists are united by a shared mission: to defeat cancer. Our partnership with the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation (HCRF) strengthens this mission and supports vital cancer research.

Together, we are sparking new ideas and translating scientific discoveries into novel therapies, advanced technologies, and life-changing clinical trials. I am deeply grateful for the generous support of HCRF, which empowers us to make groundbreaking discoveries that bring positive change to the lives of cancer patients and their families.

As a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, Lurie Cancer Center is leading efforts to develop and deliver the most innovative approaches to prevent, diagnose, and treat every type of cancer. Our teams collaborate across disciplines to provide care with skill, compassion, and hope.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to my dear friend, Eleni Bousis, who inspires us all with her determination and dedication to helping others. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the original HCRF founders, the Executive Board, Founding Board, Committees, Ambassadors, and Founding Young Professionals Board for their unwavering support.

This year, I would like to especially thank our gala chairs, Dina Bair and Mike Lowe, for accepting the responsibility of leading this event. It takes individuals of influence and incredible strength to spearhead such a powerful movement. Dina and Mike, your dedication, compassion, and commitment to advancing our mission are an inspiration to us all. We are truly grateful to have you at the forefront of this year's gala.

Finally, thank you to our many sponsors and supporters worldwide for helping Lurie Cancer Center continue to reduce the global burden of cancer.

Sincerely,



Leonidas C. Platanias, MD, PhD
Director, Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center
of Northwestern University
Director, Scientific Advisory Board of the
Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation



**A Message from Eleni Bousis
Chairwoman and Founder
Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation**

**Good evening, and welcome to the 11th
Annual Wings to Cure Gala.**

Tonight we celebrate a milestone, the beginning of a new era filled with hope, love, courage, and victory in the fight against cancer. To every person in this room, thank you. Your compassion and generosity have carried us here, and because of you, the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation continues to stand as a beacon of unwavering support for Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.



Your gifts make possible the innovative clinical trials and groundbreaking therapies that turn fear into hope and give patients the strength to fight, and to win. Every discovery we fund, every life we help save, is a direct result of the love you show tonight.

We gather to honor the resilience of patients and families. We remember those we have lost, we celebrate those who have triumphed, and we reignite the dreams that cancer once tried to dim. Even in the face of federal funding cuts and unprecedented challenges, our commitment has never been stronger. Breakthrough research remains our highest priority, because giving up is simply not an option. Year after year, this community proves that curing cancer is humanity's shared mission. The courage we witness in our patients teaches us the true meaning of perseverance, and we carry their stories in our hearts as we press forward. We will never forget why we are here, and we will never yield.

The statistics are sobering: cancer diagnoses are rising sharply among those under 50, our children, our grandchildren, our future. That reality only deepens our resolve. Together, we are writing a new chapter in cancer research, one where cancer becomes nothing more than a distant memory.

To my beloved husband, Jimmy, thank you for your endless love and strength. To our children, thank you for your patience and love. You are my wings. To our extraordinary Gala Chairs, Mike Lowe and Dina Bair, words cannot express our gratitude. You have poured your hearts into making tonight unforgettable.

And finally, a verse that guides us:

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Thank you for being cheerful givers, for being part of this sacred mission, and for joining us on this 11th anniversary as we soar toward a cure.

With boundless love and gratitude,

Eleni Bousis

2025 Gala Chairs

I am honored to chair the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation Wings to Cure Gala, alongside my friend, coworker, and fellow cancer survivor, Mike Lowe.

Over the years, I have seen the incredible work Northwestern researchers have embarked on to help treat all kinds of cancers. They think outside the box, innovating new ways to rid the body of cancer cells and help patients not just survive but thrive after their cancer battle. In this time, when federal funding is in jeopardy, fundraising is more critical than ever. I am proud to join in these efforts to hand scientists the keys to a cure. Please join me in these efforts so we can increase victories over this ravaging disease and celebrate more survivors.

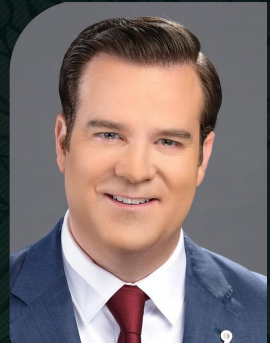
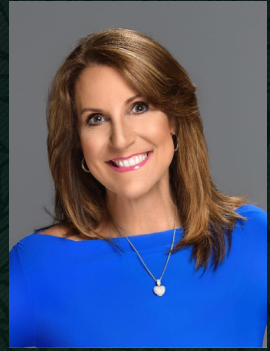
Dina Bair (WGN-TV Medical Reporter & Anchor)

It's an honor to serve as Co-Chair of the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation's "Wings to a Cure Gala" with my friend Dina Bair, a tireless advocate for all cancer survivors and a critical voice in Chicago's fight against this disease in all its forms.

During the last year, I was treated for Stage 3C N+ colorectal cancer by doctors at Northwestern Medicine. After months of radiation and chemotherapy, I'm happy to report that my cancer is undetectable.

I owe my life to Northwestern's outstanding team of researchers, doctors, nurses, and staff members. Their work is only possible because of the generosity of donors. With your help, we can continue the groundbreaking work of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

Mike Lowe (WGN-TV News Reporter)



***“You have to be engaged.
You have to be involved.”***

- ANN LURIE



In Memory of Ann Lurie

At this year's gala, we honor the remarkable legacy of Ann Lurie, a visionary philanthropist and passionate advocate for cancer research. Through her support, the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation has proudly funded the Lurie Cancer Center at Northwestern empowering innovative doctors and researchers to pursue groundbreaking, out-of-the-box approaches in the fight against cancer.

A life trustee of Northwestern University, Ann generously donated over \$60 million to the institution, driven by a personal connection that began when her late husband, Robert, received treatment at its cancer center. In gratitude for the exceptional care he received, the Luries established the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center and the state-of-the-art Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center, a 12-story facility that accommodates over 1,000 researchers and students. As Northwestern President Michael Schill noted, *“Ann had a tremendous impact on Northwestern through her generosity, her leadership, and her service.”*

Known for her hands-on approach and dedication to improving healthcare, Ann once said, *“You have to be engaged. You have to be involved.”* Her commitment to making a difference has inspired countless individuals and will continue to shape the future of cancer treatment.

As we gather tonight, we celebrate her extraordinary contributions and reaffirm our commitment to advancing cancer research in her honor. Together, we strive for a world where cancer is no longer a threat.

How has HCRF advanced cutting-edge research to bring hope to cancer patients?

HCRFs support has helped accelerate advancements in a few of the following areas of research at the Lurie Cancer Center:

TUMOR KILLING CAPACITY AND CANCER-CURING POTENTIAL

Scientists have discovered protein targets that can kill cancer cells and potentially prevent treatment resistance, unlike chemotherapy. These findings could redefine cancer treatment, leading to new strategies that sustain remission and provide longer-lasting cures for patients globally.

BASIC RESEARCH IN IMMUNOLOGY AND IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR TREATING MALIGNANT MELANOMA

Scientists have identified unique cellular and molecular pathways that could lead to new treatments for metastatic melanoma. These findings also highlight immune system targets, paving the way for effective immunotherapies and offering hope for innovative approaches to combat this aggressive cancer.

TARGETING CELL SIGNALING PATHWAYS IN LEUKEMIA CELLS AND SOLID CANCERS PROVIDE NOVEL PERSPECTIVE AND THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES

Scientists have developed drugs targeting metabolic and mRNA pathways in leukemia cells, affecting crucial processes like cell growth and survival. Early studies suggest that these therapies could be vital for treating leukemia and may also be effective for some solid tumors, expanding cancer treatment options.

DEVELOPING NEW CELLULAR THERAPIES THAT MODULATE THE IMMUNE SYSTEM TO BETTER FIGHT CANCER AND OPTIMIZE CANCER PATIENT'S OUTCOMES

Scientists are using advanced technologies to enhance cellular therapies for cancer treatment. At the Lurie Cancer Center, research initiatives aim to improve FDA-approved technologies, elevating their effectiveness and paving the way for promising new treatments.

DEVELOPING NEW APPROACHES TO ADDRESS AGGRESSIVE CANCERS, INCLUDING PANCREATIC CANCER AND BRAIN CANCER

Scientists are developing cancer treatments by targeting unique molecules called intracellular immune checkpoint inhibitors, vital for immune response. These strategies may lead to a new immunotherapy that is more effective for aggressive cancers like pancreatic and brain cancers, which often resist standard therapies.

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Distinguished Guests,

Welcome to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation's 2025 Annual Gala at Navy Pier's Aon Grand Ballroom. As the Young Professional Board (YPB), we are honored to celebrate this evening with you; an event that reflects the heart of our shared goal of our mission - the eradication of cancer. The HCRF Young Professional Board was formed after a conversation between our Founder and Chairwoman, Eleni Bousis, and our YPB President, Dean Svigos, grounded in a shared belief that Chicago's next generation of leaders must carry this mission forward.

Our purpose is simple yet powerful:

- Generate philanthropic support and awareness for HCRF's mission to eradicate cancer through support for pioneering research at Northwestern's Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Develop young leaders who embody the values and vision of the Foundation.
- Create engaging programs that connect and inspire Chicago's vibrant young-professional community.

In our Foundation Year, we hosted Rising Together, Curing Forever at Fioretta's Penthouse and Cocktails for a Cure at CAMEO's HQ - two gatherings that generated a buzz, united purpose, community, and momentum amongst hundreds of Chicago's best and brightest young professionals; establishing the HCRF's YPB as Chicago's newest, and most promising, philanthropic cohort.

Building on that foundation, the YPB Committee has been formed to lead community outreach—educating others on cancer prevention (because you don't need to cure what you never contract), expanding HCRF's social reach, and hosting events that bring people together in support of our cause.

Tonight, as we come together in this grand ballroom, we're reminded that every act of generosity—every ticket, every bid, every gesture of support—moves us closer to a world without cancer.

With gratitude and determination,
The HCRF Young Professional Board

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Are you a young professional looking to make an impact? We are always seeking passionate, driven individuals who want to help end cancer. To learn more or apply, please email alersch@wingstocure.org.



The Hippocratic Corpus

Much of what is known about these methods comes from a collection of more than 60 medical books known as the Hippocratic Corpus, considered the oldest writings on medicine. Compiled 100 years after his death, historians believe the documents may be the work of many different physicians practicing medicine during Hippocrates' lifetime and later. However, a unique aspect of the writings is that they share basic assumptions about how the body works and the nature of disease. The books were written for different fields of medicine—physicians, pharmacists, and the layperson, not so much to practice medicine, but to be able to talk with the doctor.

According to the Corpus, Hippocratic medicine recommended a healthy diet and physical exercise as a remedy for most ailments. If this did not reduce sickness, some type of medication was recommended. Plants were processed for their medicinal elements. The Corpus also describes how joints could be repositioned, the importance of keeping records of case histories and treatments, and the relationship between the weather and some illnesses.

Though Hippocratic medicine believed disease was caused by natural forces—instead of the will of the gods as was commonly believed—it didn't have a firm understanding of the nature of what makes people ill. Doctors at the time only observed sick people not the diseases themselves. Most descriptions of internal organs were based on what could be seen or felt externally. Dissections of animals were performed to make comparisons with the human body, but fifth century Greek ethics forbid dismemberment of humans.

In Recognition of Excellence

**Presented to
Markella Zannikou**

*In appreciation of her outstanding contributions to
pancreatic cancer research at Northwestern University.*

**Honored by the
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Dr. Markella Zannikou serves as a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Hematology-Oncology Division at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She earned both her B.S. and M.S. in Biology from the University of Naples “Federico II” and went on to complete her Ph.D. in Immunology at the Hellenic Pasteur Institute in Athens.

Her doctoral research centered on autoimmunity, exploring both its natural and pathological mechanisms—particularly the role of natural autoantibodies in immune system homeostasis and disease, with a focus on Systemic Lupus Erythematosus.



Following her Ph.D., Dr. Zannikou advanced her work at BSRC “Alexander Fleming” in Athens, where she investigated pathogenic mechanisms and biomarkers in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

In 2016, she joined Northwestern University, where her groundbreaking research focuses on understanding the tumor microenvironment and developing innovative immunotherapies—including CAR-T cells, bispecific antibodies, and interferon pathway modulators—to overcome cancer immunosuppression in glioblastoma, triple-negative breast cancer, and pancreatic cancer.

Dr. Zannikou is a committed member of leading scientific societies and serves as an ad hoc reviewer and editorial board member for multiple peer-reviewed journals. Her tireless work continues to push the boundaries of cancer research and bring hope to patients and families worldwide.



Dr. Leonidus Platanias MD, PhD

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*Director, Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive
Cancer Center of Northwestern University
Associate Vice President for Cancer
Programs, Northwestern University*

Dr. Platanias leads the Robert H. Lurie
Comprehensive Cancer Center of
Northwestern University in Chicago, a

founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Centers Network (NCCN). He holds the Jesse, Sara, Andrew, Abigail, Benjamin, and Elizabeth Lurie Professorship of Oncology and is a Professor of Medicine and Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics. Since becoming director in 2014, Dr. Platanias has overseen significant growth at the Lurie Cancer Center (LCC), doubling its NCI funding and recruiting over 160 new faculty. Under his leadership, LCC achieved its highest historical rating, receiving an “exceptional” and near-perfect score on its latest CCSG renewal, and it ranks sixth nationally according to the latest US News & World Report.

Dr. Platanias was born in Athens, Greece, where he earned his medical degree and doctorate from the University of Patras Medical School. Moving to the U.S., he began his research at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, as a Fogarty research fellow studying immune mechanisms in bone marrow failure syndromes. He completed his residency in New York City in Internal Medicine and his Hematology-Oncology fellowship at the University of Chicago, joining Northwestern in 2002. Prior to Northwestern, he served as Professor and Chief of the Division of Hematology-Oncology at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Board-certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, Dr. Platanias has clinical expertise in leukemia. His research focuses on cytokine signaling pathways in cells, with translational implications for leukemia and brain tumors. With over 350 publications, his work has been continuously funded by the NCI for nearly 30 years. As the principal investigator for Northwestern’s largest institutional cancer grant (CCSG), he also oversees four NIH R01 grants and an I01 Merit Review. His contributions in interferon and cytokine signaling have helped shape the modern cancer immunotherapy field, leading to clinical applications for treating malignancies. Recognized for his research, Dr. Platanias has received honors including the Milstein Award for contributions to cytokine research and the UHVA Award for Most Distinguished Greek American in Medicine.

He previously served as President of the International Cytokine and Interferon Society and is an editor for several oncology and immunology journals. Dr. Platanias has chaired numerous NIH study sections and site visit teams, including the NCI Subcommittee A for Cancer Centers, as well as grant panels for the U.S. Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs.



Dr. Maha Hussain

MD

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***Genevieve E. Teuton Professor of Medicine
Professor of Medicine (Hematology and
Oncology)***

Maha Hussain, MD, FACP, FASCO, is the Genevieve Teuton Professor of Medicine in the Division of Hematology-Oncology, Department of Medicine, and the Deputy Director, and leader of the GU Oncology

Program at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Hussain is a practicing oncologist, internationally renowned expert and clinical researcher in genitourinary oncology particularly prostate and bladder cancer. Her research, funded by federal grants and contracts, is focused on the development of novel therapeutics integrating scientific advances into clinical trials and has contributed to significantly impacting the standards of care for patients with metastatic hormone sensitive and castration resistant prostate cancer.



Dr. William Gradishar

MD

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***Chief of Hematology and Oncology in the
Department of Medicine Betsy Bramsen
Professor of Breast Oncology Professor of
Medicine (Hematology and Oncology)***

My clinical domain is breast cancer management. My clinical research interest focuses on the development of novel

therapies for the treatment of breast cancer. Clinical trials focusing on precision medicine for defining the right therapy, for the right patient at the right time is our goal. To that end, molecular interrogation of breast tumors are leading to novel trial design that will hopefully translate into better outcomes for our patients. In conjunction with the developmental therapeutics. My clinical domain is breast cancer management. My clinical research interest focuses on the development of novel therapies for the treatment of breast cancer. Clinical trials focused on precision medicine aim to define the right therapy for each patient at the right time. Molecular interrogation of breast tumors is leading to novel trial designs that may improve patient outcomes. In conjunction with the developmental therapeutics program, new agents are being incorporated into trials for early and late-stage disease.



Dr. Roger Stupp

MD

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Chief of Neuro-oncology in the Department of Neurology Paul C. Bucy Professor of Neurological Surgery Professor of Neurological Surgery, Medicine (Hematology and Oncology) and Neurology (Neuro-oncology)

Dr. Roger Stupp is a renowned medical oncologist specializing in brain tumors and innovative cancer treatments. He leads the Division of Neuro-Oncology at Northwestern and co-leads the TRIST program at the Lurie Cancer Center. Dr. Stupp's work established temozolomide with radiation ("Stupp protocol") and Tumor Treating Fields as standard glioblastoma therapies. His research led to FDA approvals, making these groundbreaking treatments standard care for glioblastoma patients.



Dr. Hidayatullah G. Munshi

MD

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Robert and Lora Lurie Professor of Medicine Professor of Medicine (Hematology and Oncology)

Hidayatullah Munshi has a broad background in studying the mechanisms regulating pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC)

progression. He has expertise in orthotopic and transgenic mouse models and routinely employ ex vivo acinar-to-ductal metaplasia, organoid, and slice cultures of human PDAC tumors in our studies. Besides studying the mechanisms by which collagen microenvironment regulates invasion, he is interested in understanding the role of the collagen microenvironment in treatment resistance. He has shown that epigenetic changes induced by the collagen microenvironment contribute to resistance to chemotherapy and immunotherapy. He has found that collagen microenvironment induces histone acetylation and that targeting "readers" of histone acetylation marks using BET inhibitors can limit growth of pancreatic cancer cells. He has also shown that the collagen microenvironment regulates mRNA translation to mediate pancreatic cancer progression. His ongoing studies are focused on identifying mechanism-based novel combination regimens to enhance response of immune checkpoint inhibitors in PDAC.



Dr. Jessica Altman

MD

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Professor of Medicine (Hematology and Oncology)

Jessica Altman is the Director of the Leukemia program at the Lurie Cancer Center. Dr. Altman's primary research efforts are based on increasing understanding of the role of aberrant signal transduction pathways in the development of myeloid neoplasms;

defining molecular targets for the treatment of leukemias; and generating clinical trials based on such research work.



Dr. Jyoti Patel

MD

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Jyoti Patel, MD, is Professor of Medicine at Northwestern University and Associate Vice-Chair for Clinical Research in the Department of Medicine. She is also Medical Director of Thoracic Oncology and Assistant Director for Clinical Research in the Lurie Cancer Center. Dr. Patel is a leader in thoracic oncology, focusing her efforts in the development and evaluation of novel molecular markers

and therapeutics in patients battling non-small cell lung cancer. She has numerous publications and has lead multiple lung cancer trials, from phase I to III. Dr. Patel is recognized for her expertise in new drug development as well as being an outstanding clinician, educator, and mentor.





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Alexi Giannoulas • Secretary of State

Greetings,

On behalf of my wife, Jo, and myself, I am honored to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University on this year's Wings to Cure Gala. This inspiring event continues to serve as a testament to the foundation and the center's shared commitment to innovation, collaboration, and compassion in the fight against cancer.

Over the years, the Wings to Cure Gala has raised significant funds that have advanced groundbreaking cancer research, improved patient care, and offered hope to countless families. Under the visionary leadership of Dr. Leonidas Platanias, the Lurie Cancer Center continues to drive scientific progress and life-changing discoveries that impact patients across Illinois and beyond.

We are also proud to recognize the Parthenis Family, this year's top host sponsor, for their exceptional generosity and dedication to this meaningful cause. Their leadership exemplifies the spirit of giving and community that defines that success of this extraordinary event.

Jo and I commend everyone involved in making this gala possible — the organizers, sponsors, and supporters who embody compassion through action. Thank you for your continued work toward a future free from cancer, and for the hope you bring to so many.

With gratitude and best wishes for another memorable evening of purpose and progress.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Alexi Giannoulas in black ink, positioned above his name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alexi Giannoulas
Secretary of State



Maria Pappas

Cook County Treasurer

November 22, 2025

Eleni Bousis
Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation
676 N St. Clair Ave.
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Dear Chair Bousis:

I am proud to offer my congratulations as the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation holds its 11th Anniversary Wings to Care Gala to honor and benefit the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

The work of Dr. Leonidas Platanias and his team of physicians and scientists at the Center saves and extends lives of those stricken with cancer, in accordance with the physicians' oath honored to this day by the Hippocratic Foundation and the world's medical community.

Cancer can be treated and cured, as the brilliant and dedicated work of Dr. Platanias has shown. He is a jewel of the medical community.

But cancer also is relentless, as shown by your memorial for Vaughn McClure and Jeff Dickerson, journalists who died untimely deaths from this dread disease. My heart is with their loved ones, friends and colleagues who mourn them.

May all who attend tonight's Gala enjoy a program about hope in the fight against one of humanity's most remorseless enemies, a fight carried on by the Lurie Center.

Sincerely,

Maria Pappas

Cook County Treasurer

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On behalf of the employees of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation on the occasion of its 11th Annual Wings to Cure Gala.

Your unwavering commitment to eliminating cancer and saving lives through the discovery, development, and implementation of innovative therapies is truly inspiring. The impact of your work resonates far beyond the medical community, offering hope to countless individuals and families.

I would also like to commend the Foundation's dedicated Partners, whose generous contributions of time, resources, and advocacy have been instrumental in advancing this vital mission.

I wish you every success with your upcoming Gala and trust it will be both impactful and well received. Thank you for your continued dedication to the fight against cancer.

Mariyana Spyropoulos
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

A Special Acknowledgment

The Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation Board and Founding Committee extend a warm thank you to our dear friends and supporters for making this an enchanting celebration of hope and faith brought to life this evening.

Chair Couple

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Menu

STARTER

ROMAINE & FRISÉE

*Baby Gems, Frisée, Parmesan Crisp, Diced Marinated Oven
Baked Pumpkin, Green Apples, Pumpkin Seeds,
Citrus-Caesar Dressing*

MAIN

BEEF TENDERLOIN & SHRIMP

*Grilled Asparagus, Tri-color Carrots, Douphinoise Potato,
Port Wine Demi*

VEGETARIAN ENTREE

White Bean & Asparagus Rigatoni

Spinach, Tri-color Heirloom Carrot, Asparagus, Seared Tofu

DESSERT

Triple Tart Dessert

Lemon with Blueberry Tart

Apple Tart with Caramel Sauce

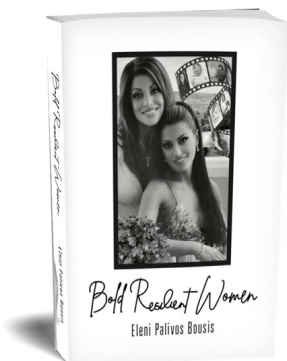
Cheesecake Square with Orange Coulis

Vegan Sorbets

*Enjoy a delicious meal for a wonderful cause crafted by
Chef Nikolaos Kapernaros*

Discover the Strength Within.

A Journey of Remarkable Women



Who are the extraordinary women shaping our world in profound yet often unnoticed ways? In a society where voices can be powerful or silenced, this inspiring book shines a light on those who stand against violence, discrimination, and inequality.

Meet Eleni, a resilient mother, wife, and philanthropist dedicated to combating sex trafficking, domestic violence, and advocating for the dignity of children with disabilities. Her journey is one of love, hope, challenge, and unwavering perseverance.

Through powerful stories of women like Eleni, this book invites you to explore how modern-day women navigate life's complexities with grace and strength. These narratives challenge societal norms, break barriers, and redefine what it means to be a woman today.

Join Eleni and other remarkable women on this transformative journey. Let their courage inspire you to stand up, speak out, and lead with confidence. Discover the power within you and ignite your potential to create change in your life and the lives of others.

Purchase a copy here! All proceeds go towards the Lurie Cancer Center.

Spotlight on the Evening's Talent

Honoring Our Talented Performers

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have donated their time and talents to make this event a remarkable success.

Daniela Crocco Vocalist

Daniela Crocco is a powerhouse vocalist and touring artist whose commanding voice and radiant stage presence have captivated audiences across the U.S. and abroad. Blending classical finesse with pop charisma, she's one of Chicago's most exciting emerging talents.

Career highlights include touring through Italy, performing with Matteo Bocelli at the Arcada Theatre, and singing both the Italian and American national anthems for the Ferrari Challenge Series at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami. Daniela has also performed for major Chicago teams including the Bulls, White Sox, Cubs, and Fire FC. A featured member of The Jersey Girls, she delivers show-stopping harmonies and high-energy performances nationwide, including *The Christmas Wizards: A Night of TSO*. Winner of the 2024 Augustus Caesar Award, Daniela's artistry has been featured on WGN-TV, Fox 32, and spotlighted by Jamie Foxx. Born in Chicago and raised in Kentucky, she brings passion, poise, and power to every stage.



Chef Nikolaos Kapernaros Renowned Chef

Chef Kapernaros born & raised in Piraeus Greece, crafts the essence of homeland whispers, telling tales of his culture and family traditions. His culinary journey is a homage to the land and people that raised him, a celebration of bountiful produce, vibrant flavors, and enduring heritage. Chef is a member of World Central Kitchen and Chicago Chefs Cook organization supporting philanthropic events. Chef has competed on Food Network and is a *Beat Bobby Flay Winner*.

In Loving Memory of



Kristine Farra

Forever part of our HCRF Family

Tonight, we honor and remember our beloved board member, Kristine Farra — a woman whose heart, passion, and commitment helped shape the very soul of this Foundation. The Wings to Cure Gala was a night she held close to her heart, and it is with deep love that we celebrate her legacy here this evening.

Kristine began her professional career as a Northwestern University Dental School 1996 DDS graduate, later turning her passion into a successful career as Founder and CEO of Gold Coast Exclusive and Luxury Living International. She devoted her life to her cherished children, her family, philanthropy, and serving others with grace and generosity.

Kristine was a shining light within the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation — a true force of compassion, strength, and dedication. She believed deeply in the power of hope and the importance of advancing innovative cancer research. Whether she was uplifting our auctions, shaping event experiences, or quietly offering her support behind the scenes, she gave from her heart.

Her presence radiated warmth. Her faith in this mission was unwavering. And her generosity extended far beyond measure.

As we gather tonight — the night she loved so deeply — we carry her spirit forward with us. Though she is no longer here in person, her legacy lives on in every life touched by the work we do. Kristine's spirit will forever be woven into the fabric of HCRF.

Live Auction

EUROPEAN DREAM ESCAPE FOR 6 — MYKONOS

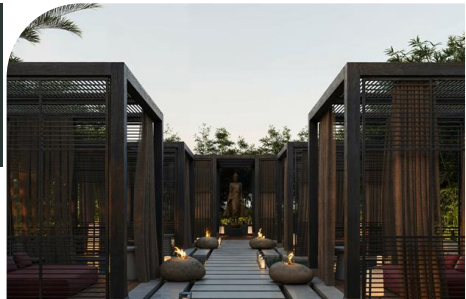
Experience the ultimate European escape with a journey spanning Mykonos — a perfect blend of culture, style, and indulgence. Begin in Agios Lazaros, Mykonos, with a 7-night stay in a breathtaking private villa overlooking the Aegean. Enjoy the premium TA Concierge package, featuring round-trip airport transfers for six, an on-site vehicle, personalized dining recommendations, and pre-arrival villa stocking. Daily service from two dedicated staff members ensures every detail is flawless, creating a seamless balance of comfort and Greek hospitality. Exclusive stays in Paris and London, rounding out an unforgettable multi-city European experience that redefines luxury travel.



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7-DAY LUXURY WELLNESS & LONGEVITY EXPERIENCE FOR 2 AT MINOS PALACE, CRETE

Reimagine wellness with a 7-day escape for two at the luxurious Minos Palace Hotel & Suites in Crete, featuring a transformative Five-Day “Self-Optimise” Longevity Programme for one at the renowned NAO Longevity Hub — the first of its kind in Greece. Stay in the serene Infinity Blue Room with sweeping Aegean views, and experience advanced biometrics, personalized nutrition, and cutting-edge therapies including cryotherapy, red light therapy, and restorative movement sessions. Enjoy seven nights of five-star seaside accommodation, health-focused meals, and expert guidance — a holistic journey to restore balance, elevate vitality, and rediscover your best self amid Crete’s tranquil beauty.



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GREEK ART & ESCAPE COLLECTION FOR 6: ATHENS, SANTORINI & “ALEXANDER THE GREAT” BY NIKOS FLOROS

Experience the beauty of Greece through art, culture, and luxury.

Enjoy 2 nights in Athens at the stylish Athens Tiare Hotel with daily breakfast and private transfers, followed by 4 nights in Santorini at the stunning Siete Mares Luxury Suites, featuring a private heated pool and panoramic Aegean views. This unforgettable package also includes a collectible masterpiece by world-renowned sculptural artist Nikos Floros — his striking Alexander the Great portrait, crafted from recycled aluminum in his signature sculptural style. Sail through Santorini’s iconic Caldera aboard a luxury catamaran on a five-hour semi-private cruise for three couples.

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Nikos Floros (Alexander the Great - Sculptural Portrait)



PARADISE FOUND: THE BLUE ISLAND VILLA ESCAPE IN TURKS AND CIAOS

Escape to paradise with a 7-night stay at Blue Island Villa in Chalk Sound, Providenciales — a private 7,250 sq. ft. gated estate for up to 18 guests overlooking turquoise waters. The villa features eight bedrooms, multiple living and dining spaces, two gourmet kitchens, a private pool, man-made beach, poolside bar, and expansive decks. Your stay includes a House Manager, daily housekeeping, light breakfast service, and concierge support for local reservations and excursions. The Island Explorer Package adds a Jeep Wrangler, airport transfers for four, clear kayaks, paddleboards, snorkel gear, and kayak transport to nearby Taylor or Sapodilla Bay.



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GREEK ISLANDS PRIVATE 7-DAY CRUISE FOR 4 WITH OLYMPIC CHAMPION IOANNIS DRYMONAKOS

Set sail on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure through the Greek Islands with Olympic swimming champion Ioannis Drymonakos. For seven unforgettable days, you and your guests will cruise across the Saronic Gulf, exploring turquoise bays, hidden coves, and charming seaside villages like Poros, Hydra, and Epidaurus. Your private yacht features three double cabins (ideal for 4 guests, accommodates up to 6) and is skippered by Ioannis himself. Enjoy open-water swim sessions led by your Olympian host, refreshing snacks and drinks onboard, and leisurely meals at authentic Greek tavernas. An extraordinary blend of adventure, relaxation, and Greek island magic. All round-trip flights are included.



**Donated By: Ioannis Drymonakos & Vassiliki Amira
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TASTE OF PANAMA: CULTURE, CUISINE & SKYLINE VIEWS FOR 6

Experience the vibrant energy of Panama City, where history, culture, and coastal sophistication meet. This 7-day adventure for six guests includes premium accommodations at the Sheraton or Aloft Hotel, with daily breakfast and dinners, plus VIP dining experiences at Souvlaki and Giuseppe Iovane Restaurant. Enjoy VIP airport transfers, a Panama Canal private tour, and an immersive cultural visit with a Native Tribe. From skyline views to seaside flavors, it's the perfect blend of exploration.



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SET SAIL ON NECTAR: A CARIBBEAN LUXURY WEEK FOR 8

Enjoy a week in the Caribbean aboard the luxurious yacht, Nectar, accommodating up to eight guests in style. This private escape features gourmet meals prepared by an onboard chef, with all food included. Alcohol may be purchased separately at the end of the trip. Your itinerary will be customized to your preferences — creating a tailored Caribbean adventure on the open sea.



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Thanks for your hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

During challenging times, it is the power
of altruistic vision and hope that keeps
the human spirit alive, one that parallels the immeasurable impact you've
made though the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation.

Your pioneering spirit, combined with an empathetic heart, knows no
boundaries. You have turned pain and despair into hope and resilience.

The beacon of your dedication shines
not only in the lives you've transformed but also in the
lessons taught to us.

While many marvel at the hero and her team who
are changing the face of cancer treatment, we find warmth in the embrace
of the same woman, our mother.

We congratulate you and your Board of Directors for your tireless efforts
and belief in eradicating cancer.

Even though words fall short, our hearts brim with pride and gratitude....

With eternal admiration, your children,

Michael, Victoria, Evangelo, and George

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**Congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation on
another remarkable gala!**

We are truly inspired by the incredible team at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. Your unwavering dedication to advancing cancer research and finding a cure embodies both hope and strength.

It is a privilege to stand alongside you in this mission and to support the ongoing fight against cancer — knowing that, together, we are making a meaningful impact in the lives of so many.

With heartfelt gratitude and admiration,
**Peter & Ethel Parthenis
and Family**

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Cheers to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation on yet another outstanding gala!

We are continually moved by the exceptional work of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. Your steadfast commitment to pioneering breakthroughs and pursuing a cure reflects courage, compassion, and hope.

It's an honor to join you in this important mission and to contribute to the fight against cancer — united in our goal to bring lasting change and brighter futures to countless lives.

**Constantine & Maria Danos
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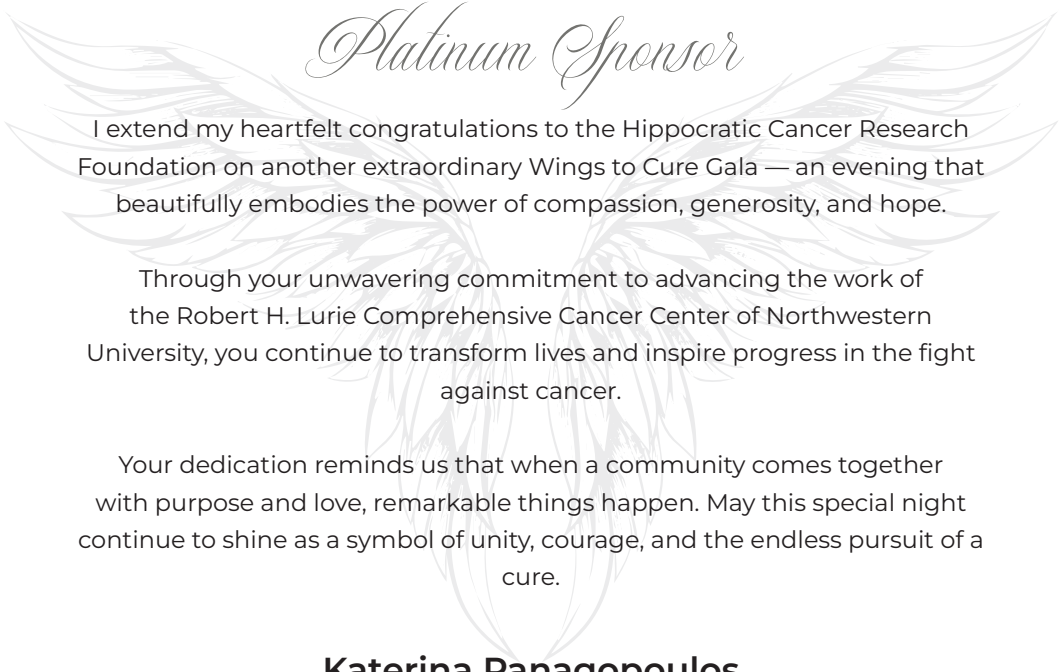
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Our family is honored to support the extraordinary mission of the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation and its commitment to advancing lifesaving research.

We offer our warmest congratulations to Dr. Platanias and the exceptional research team at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

Their unwavering dedication to discovering new treatments and cures gives hope to countless families, and we proudly stand behind their continued pursuit of a world free from cancer.

Mrs. Eleni Tzotzolis
Mr. & Mrs. Haralambos Tzotzolis
Pandelis, Sotirios, Benjamin
Mr. & Mrs. Taso Tzotzolis
Elena , Klia, Alexia



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I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation on another extraordinary Wings to Cure Gala — an evening that beautifully embodies the power of compassion, generosity, and hope.

Through your unwavering commitment to advancing the work of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, you continue to transform lives and inspire progress in the fight against cancer.

Your dedication reminds us that when a community comes together with purpose and love, remarkable things happen. May this special night continue to shine as a symbol of unity, courage, and the endless pursuit of a cure.

Katerina Panagopoulos

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"The human spirit was built to endure storms. We bend, we break, and somehow we rise again — stronger, wiser, and more compassionate than before. Hope is not the absence of hardship; it is the courage to keep walking through it, knowing that each step brings us closer to the dawn."

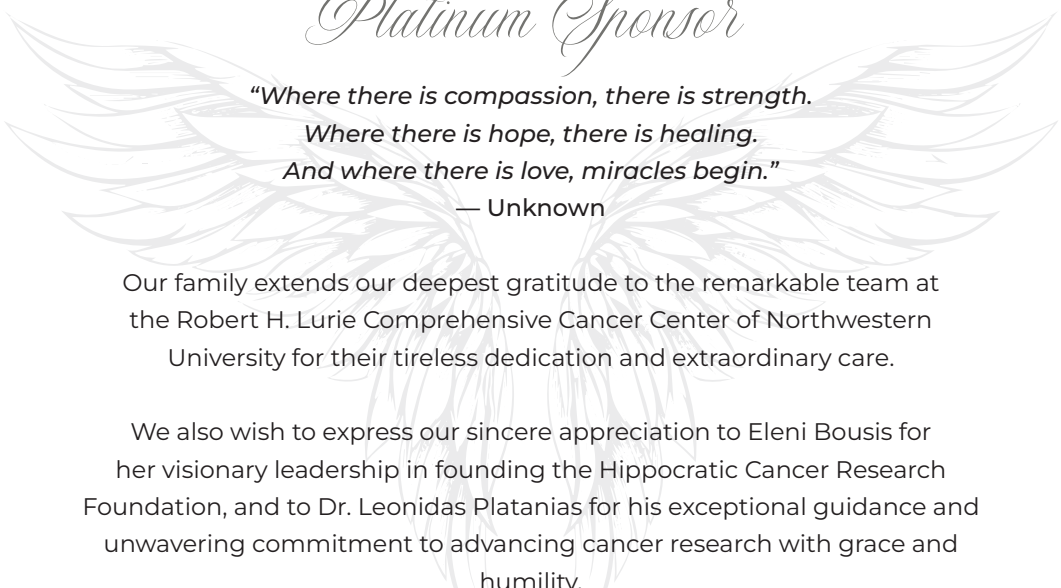
— Unknown

The Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation was founded by individuals driven by deep compassion — for those whose lives were lost to cancer and for the survivors who continue to inspire us with their courage. HCRF remains devoted to supporting innovative, outside-the-box research that strives to eliminate cancer in all its forms.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the brilliant scientists, oncologists, and the dedicated team led by Dr. Platanius for their unwavering pursuit of progress.

We also congratulate the Board Members and volunteers whose steadfast commitment and tireless efforts continue to move this mission forward and bring hope to so many.

With love and appreciation,
**Jimmy and Eleni Bousis
and Family**



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"Where there is compassion, there is strength.

Where there is hope, there is healing.

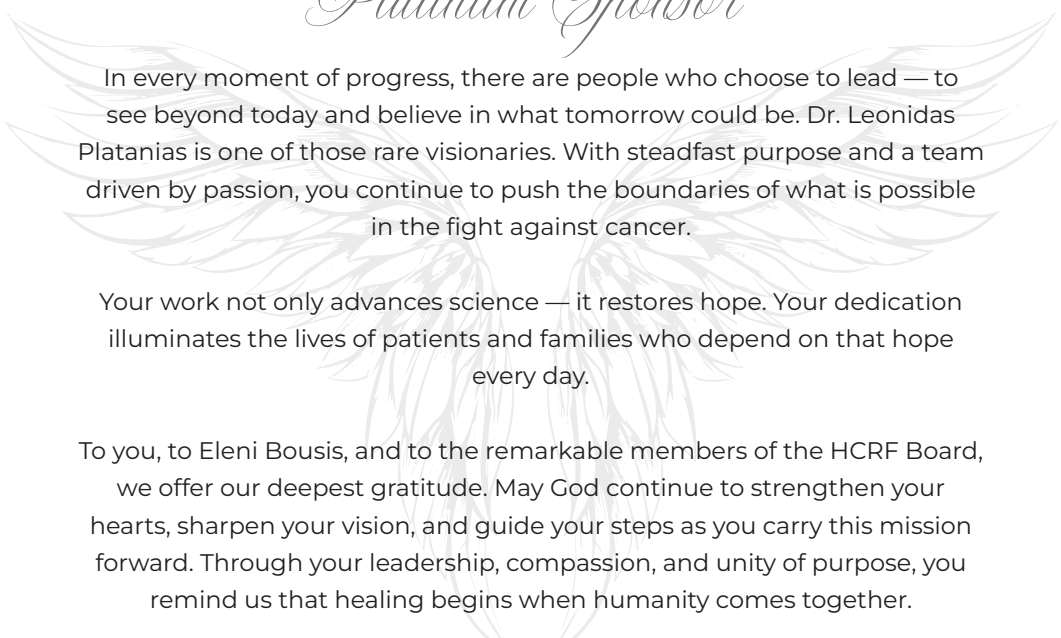
And where there is love, miracles begin."

— Unknown

Our family extends our deepest gratitude to the remarkable team at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University for their tireless dedication and extraordinary care.

We also wish to express our sincere appreciation to Eleni Bousis for her visionary leadership in founding the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation, and to Dr. Leonidas Platanius for his exceptional guidance and unwavering commitment to advancing cancer research with grace and humility.

Tasty Breads
Nancy Murphy & Gus Bartsocas



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In every moment of progress, there are people who choose to lead — to see beyond today and believe in what tomorrow could be. Dr. Leonidas Plataniias is one of those rare visionaries. With steadfast purpose and a team driven by passion, you continue to push the boundaries of what is possible in the fight against cancer.

Your work not only advances science — it restores hope. Your dedication illuminates the lives of patients and families who depend on that hope every day.

To you, to Eleni Bousis, and to the remarkable members of the HCRF Board, we offer our deepest gratitude. May God continue to strengthen your hearts, sharpen your vision, and guide your steps as you carry this mission forward. Through your leadership, compassion, and unity of purpose, you remind us that healing begins when humanity comes together.

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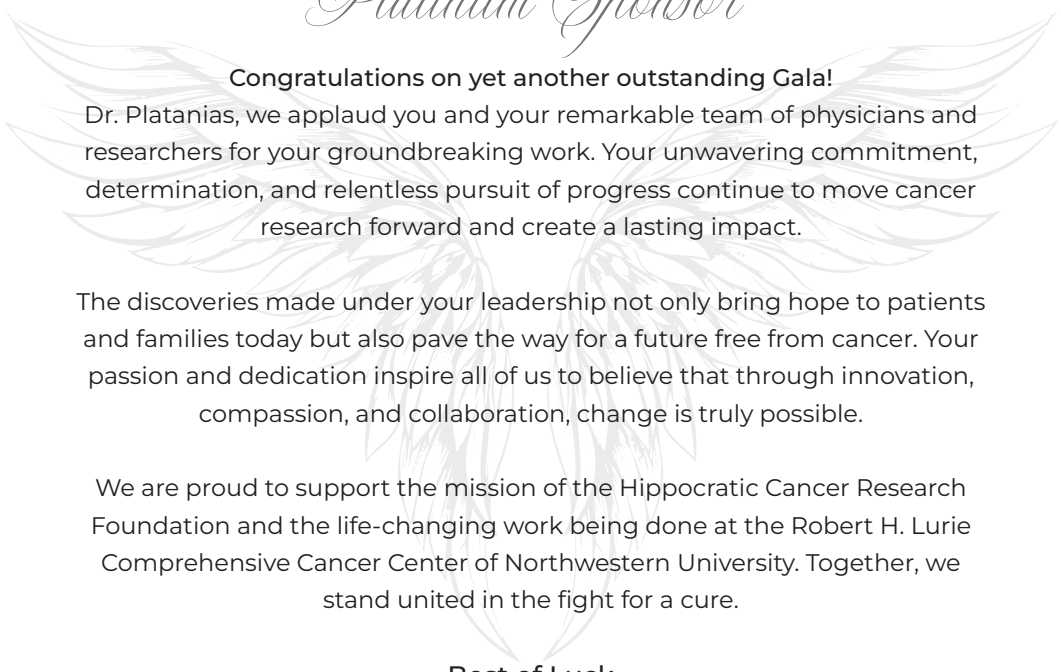
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Hope doesn't move forward on its own — it needs leaders who are willing to carry it.

Dr. Leonidas Plataniias, your relentless pursuit of innovation has changed what patients and families can believe is possible. With your extraordinary team beside you, you continue to push the future of cancer research into new territory.

To you, to Eleni Bousis, and to the HCRF Board — thank you for proving that science, compassion, and faith are a powerful force when united. May your work continue to shine light where it's needed most.

The Ruan Family Foundation



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Congratulations on yet another outstanding Gala!

Dr. Platanius, we applaud you and your remarkable team of physicians and researchers for your groundbreaking work. Your unwavering commitment, determination, and relentless pursuit of progress continue to move cancer research forward and create a lasting impact.

The discoveries made under your leadership not only bring hope to patients and families today but also pave the way for a future free from cancer. Your passion and dedication inspire all of us to believe that through innovation, compassion, and collaboration, change is truly possible.

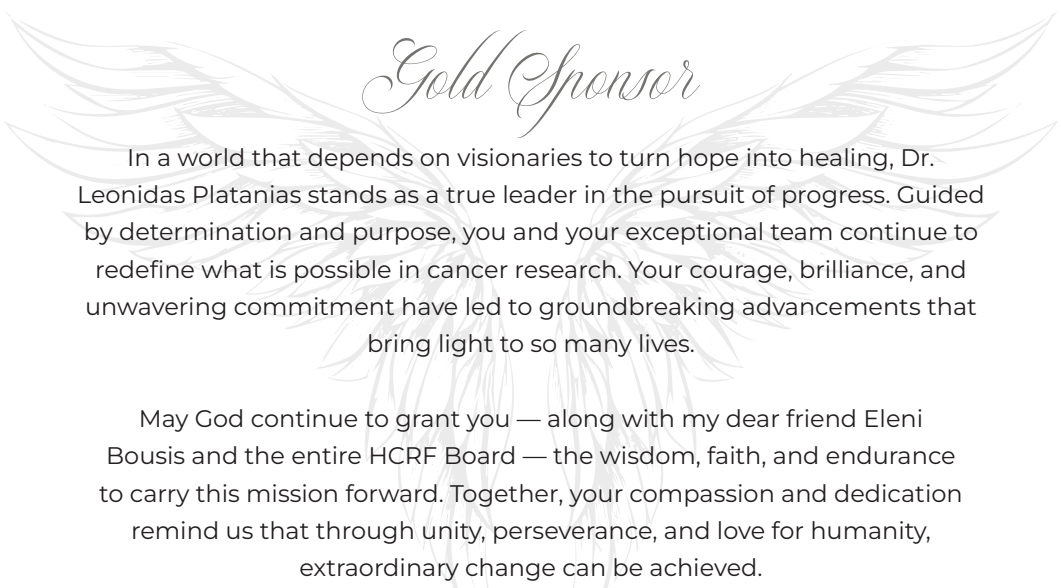
We are proud to support the mission of the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation and the life-changing work being done at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. Together, we stand united in the fight for a cure.

Best of Luck

Kenneth C. Griffin

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In a world that depends on visionaries to turn hope into healing, Dr. Leonidas Platanias stands as a true leader in the pursuit of progress. Guided by determination and purpose, you and your exceptional team continue to redefine what is possible in cancer research. Your courage, brilliance, and unwavering commitment have led to groundbreaking advancements that bring light to so many lives.

May God continue to grant you — along with my dear friend Eleni Bousis and the entire HCRF Board — the wisdom, faith, and endurance to carry this mission forward. Together, your compassion and dedication remind us that through unity, perseverance, and love for humanity, extraordinary change can be achieved.

George Prassas

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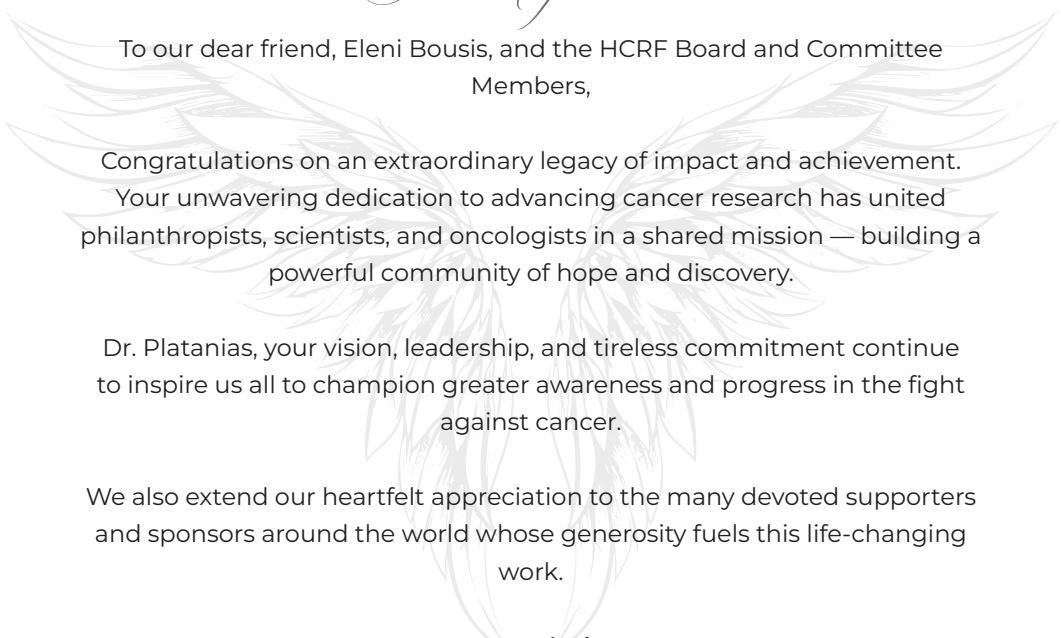
“Philanthropy is more than an act of giving — it is the art of creating hope, inspiring progress, and transforming lives. Through one person’s generosity, communities are strengthened, and the promise of a brighter future begins to unfold.”

— Unknown

We extend our deepest gratitude to the exceptional scientists, oncologists, and the remarkable team led by Dr. Leonidas Platanias. Their tireless dedication, compassion, and pursuit of discovery continue to push the boundaries of what’s possible in cancer research.

We also wish to recognize the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation for its vision and unwavering commitment to advancing lifesaving innovation. Together, your collective efforts bring light, hope, and healing to countless lives — a true testament to the power of purpose and perseverance.

Danielle & Alex Samoylovich



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To our dear friend, Eleni Bousis, and the HCRF Board and Committee Members,

Congratulations on an extraordinary legacy of impact and achievement.

Your unwavering dedication to advancing cancer research has united philanthropists, scientists, and oncologists in a shared mission — building a powerful community of hope and discovery.

Dr. Plataniias, your vision, leadership, and tireless commitment continue to inspire us all to champion greater awareness and progress in the fight against cancer.

We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to the many devoted supporters and sponsors around the world whose generosity fuels this life-changing work.

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"Adversity reminds us that the tallest trees grow strong by standing firm through the fiercest storms."

Congratulations to Mrs. Eleni Bousis, Founding Chair, and the entire Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation team for your extraordinary accomplishment in creating such a vital and impactful organization. Your leadership and vision have built a powerful platform for advancing cancer research and strengthening collaboration among scientists, clinicians, and supporters.

As you continue this important mission, we wish you continued growth, success, and inspiration in the years ahead.

**Mike & Dorothy Vondra Foundation
John & Patricia Harris and Family**

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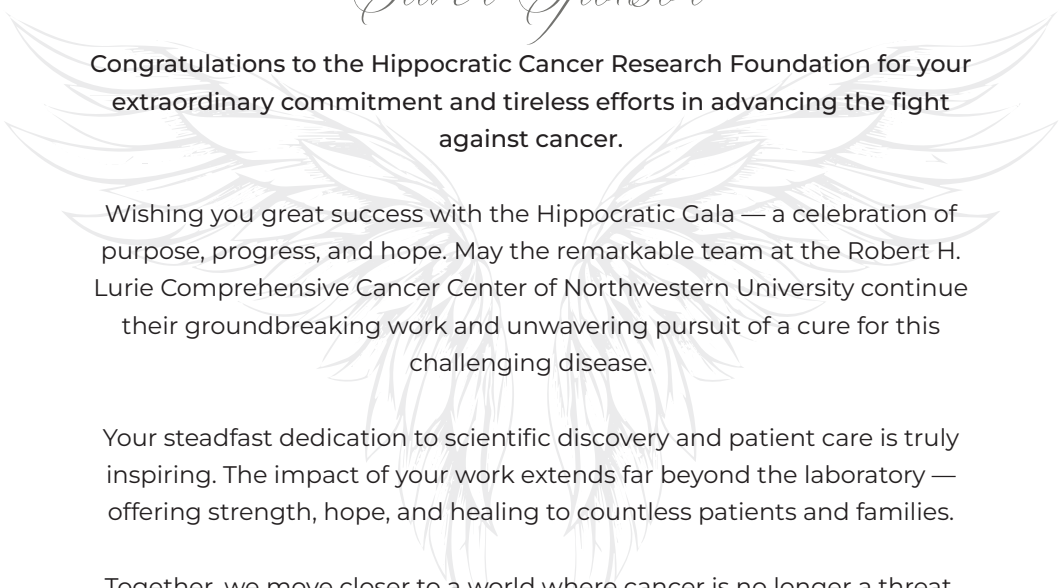
Congratulations, Dr. Platanias, on your exceptional achievements and unwavering dedication.

Your leadership continues to serve as a beacon of hope, innovation, and compassion for patients, families, and all those touched by cancer.

Our heartfelt congratulations also go to Eleni Bousis, the Board of Directors, the Committee Members, and this evening's event chairs for their tireless commitment and vision in bringing such a meaningful and inspiring celebration to life.

Your collective efforts continue to strengthen the mission of the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation, advancing groundbreaking discoveries and bringing hope to countless lives around the world.

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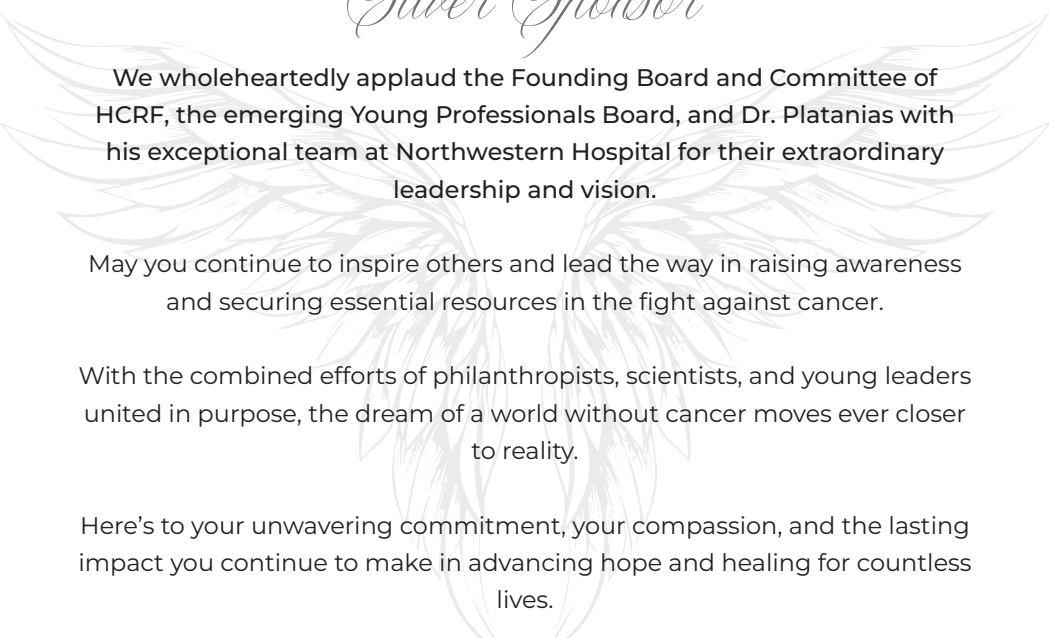
Congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation for your extraordinary commitment and tireless efforts in advancing the fight against cancer.

Wishing you great success with the Hippocratic Gala — a celebration of purpose, progress, and hope. May the remarkable team at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University continue their groundbreaking work and unwavering pursuit of a cure for this challenging disease.

Your steadfast dedication to scientific discovery and patient care is truly inspiring. The impact of your work extends far beyond the laboratory — offering strength, hope, and healing to countless patients and families.

Together, we move closer to a world where cancer is no longer a threat. Here's to celebrating your continued achievements and the promising breakthroughs yet to come.

Amy Mazzolin



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We wholeheartedly applaud the Founding Board and Committee of HCRF, the emerging Young Professionals Board, and Dr. Platanias with his exceptional team at Northwestern Hospital for their extraordinary leadership and vision.

May you continue to inspire others and lead the way in raising awareness and securing essential resources in the fight against cancer.

With the combined efforts of philanthropists, scientists, and young leaders united in purpose, the dream of a world without cancer moves ever closer to reality.

Here's to your unwavering commitment, your compassion, and the lasting impact you continue to make in advancing hope and healing for countless lives.

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Heartfelt congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation on an extraordinary Gala and your continued impact in the fight against cancer.

Your unwavering dedication and vital contributions to advancing research have touched countless lives, bringing hope, progress, and possibility to so many.

Wishing you continued success as you inspire innovation, collaboration, and compassion in the pursuit of a future free from cancer.

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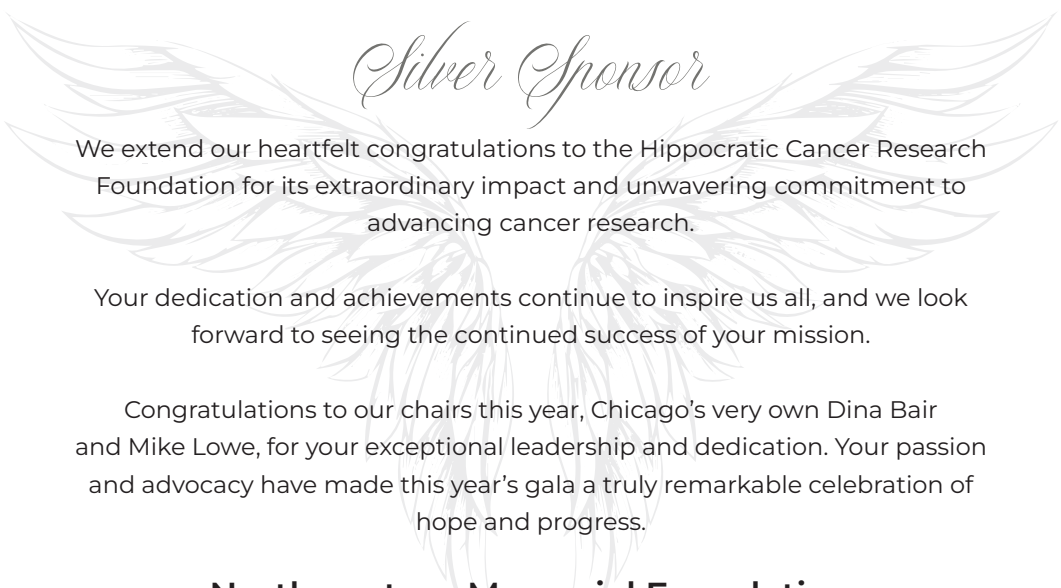
Warmest congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation on an unforgettable Gala and your powerful impact in the fight against cancer.

Your steadfast commitment to advancing research has brought renewed hope to patients, families, and communities everywhere.

May your efforts continue to spark innovation, unite brilliant minds, and light the path toward a world where cancer no longer holds the final word.

Here's to continued progress, deeper collaboration, and the life-changing work still to come.

Steven Galanis
CAMEO



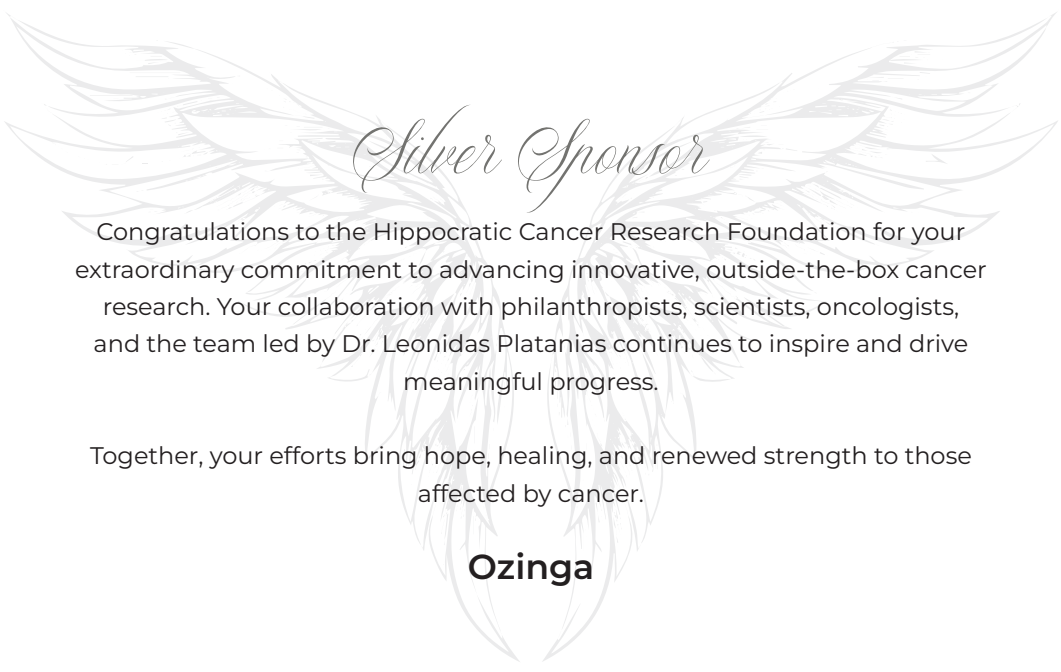
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We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation for its extraordinary impact and unwavering commitment to advancing cancer research.

Your dedication and achievements continue to inspire us all, and we look forward to seeing the continued success of your mission.

Congratulations to our chairs this year, Chicago's very own Dina Bair and Mike Lowe, for your exceptional leadership and dedication. Your passion and advocacy have made this year's gala a truly remarkable celebration of hope and progress.

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Congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation for your extraordinary commitment to advancing innovative, outside-the-box cancer research. Your collaboration with philanthropists, scientists, oncologists, and the team led by Dr. Leonidas Platanius continues to inspire and drive meaningful progress.

Together, your efforts bring hope, healing, and renewed strength to those affected by cancer.

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Congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation on a remarkable Gala and the growing legacy you are building. Your commitment to bold research and compassionate care is not only advancing medicine — it is changing lives.

With every breakthrough and every act of generosity, you bring us one step closer to a future where cancer is not feared, but defeated.

May your mission continue to thrive, and may your impact reach far beyond what we can see today.

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Our family is truly honored to support the extraordinary mission of the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation. We extend our warmest wishes for continued success to Dr. Platanias and his exceptional research team at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, whose tireless dedication brings hope, healing, and progress to countless lives in the fight against cancer.

Tim and Maria Tassopoulos & Family



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Our family is honored to stand alongside the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation in its extraordinary mission to advance life-changing cancer research. The dedication and vision demonstrated by Dr. Leonidas Plataniias and the exceptional team at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University continue to inspire hope and possibility for patients and families everywhere.

We are inspired by your relentless pursuit of innovation and healing, and we look forward to seeing the remarkable breakthroughs that will shape the future of cancer care.

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Congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation on an extraordinary Gala and your continued impact in the fight against cancer.

Your steadfast dedication and remarkable contributions to advancing cancer research have touched countless lives and driven meaningful progress in treatment, care, and hope for patients everywhere.

As you continue this vital mission, we wish you every success in the years ahead and applaud your unwavering commitment to creating a brighter, healthier future for all.



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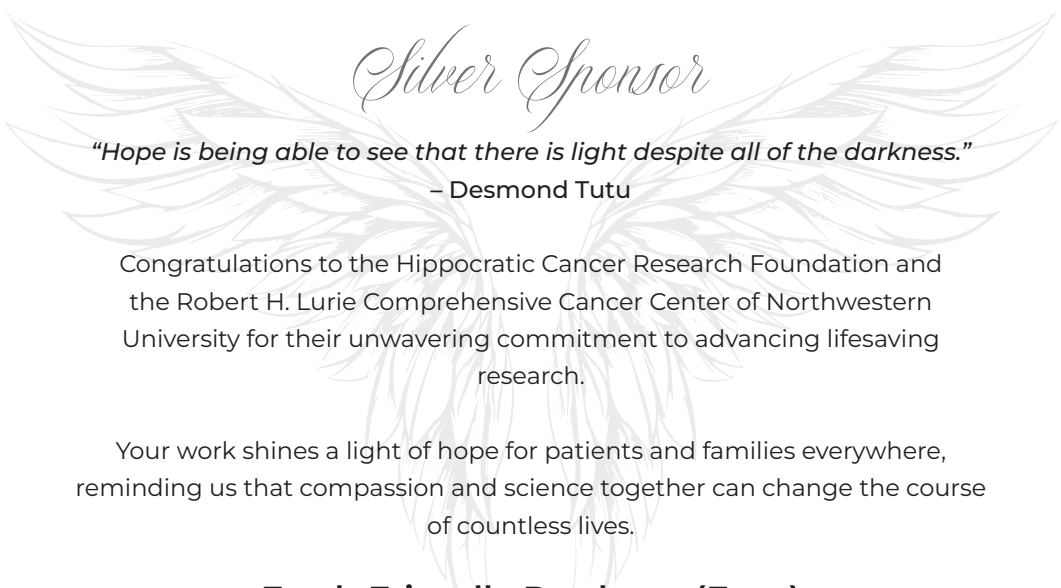


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Congratulations, Dr. Platanias, on your extraordinary leadership and remarkable accomplishments. Your vision, dedication, and compassion continue to serve as a powerful source of hope and inspiration for patients, families, and all those touched by cancer.

Warmest congratulations to Eleni Bousis, the Board of Directors, the Committees, and this evening's Chairs for bringing to life such a meaningful and successful event. Your collective passion and commitment continue to drive progress and make a lasting impact in the fight against cancer.

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"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

– Desmond Tutu

Congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University for their unwavering commitment to advancing lifesaving research.

Your work shines a light of hope for patients and families everywhere, reminding us that compassion and science together can change the course of countless lives.

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"When you give joyfully, you give twice—once to others, and once to the world." – Unknown

Our warmest congratulations to the HCRF Founding and Executive Boards, the Lurie Cancer Center, and the newly emerging Young Professionals Board for carrying forward this legacy of impact and inspiration. Together, you embody the spirit of progress — uniting generations in the pursuit of a world free from cancer.

The Adames Family



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With admiration and gratitude, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation, the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, and the Young Professionals Board for their extraordinary commitment to advancing cancer research and innovation.

Your collective dedication to pushing the boundaries of discovery continues to inspire hope, healing, and progress for patients and families across the world. Through your collaboration, compassion, and relentless pursuit of excellence, you are shaping a future where the fight against cancer is met with courage, science, and unwavering determination.

May your efforts continue to light the path toward a world filled with promise — one where research transforms into cures, and hope leads the way to tomorrow.

Peter and Vicky Palivos



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Our deepest admiration goes to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation, whose unwavering dedication and generosity continue to fuel the extraordinary work of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. Together, your efforts exemplify the power of vision, collaboration, and compassion in transforming lives and advancing the future of medicine.

Through groundbreaking research, innovative therapies, and steadfast commitment, you bring hope where it is needed most. May your shared mission continue to transform hope into healing and discovery into cures, inspiring generations to believe in the limitless potential of science and the human spirit.

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We applaud the HCRF Board, Eleni Bousis, Dr. Leonidas Platanias, and the Young Professionals Board for their visionary leadership and steadfast commitment to advancing discovery at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

Together, your tireless efforts exemplify the extraordinary impact that can be achieved when science, philanthropy, and humanity unite for a shared purpose. Your collaboration continues to inspire innovation, nurture hope, and create lasting change in the lives of those affected by cancer.

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Warm congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation for your inspiring leadership and unwavering support of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center's mission to find a cure. Your dedication continues to drive innovation, strengthen collaboration, and bring light to those facing life's most difficult challenges.

Your collective efforts remind us that progress is born from passion, and hope is sustained through community. Together, you are shaping a future defined by compassion, discovery, and the enduring belief that a world without cancer is within reach.

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We celebrate the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation and the exceptional team at Northwestern's Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center for your steadfast commitment to bold, groundbreaking research that continues to transform lives. Your shared pursuit of innovation and excellence reflects the very best of science, compassion, and humanity.

Your compassion and curiosity illuminate a future filled with promise, discovery, and hope — a future where determination and collaboration bring us ever closer to a world free from cancer.

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We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation, the Founding Board, and the Founding Committee on what is sure to be an extraordinary Gala. Your steadfast dedication and inspiring commitment to supporting Dr. Platanias and his research team continue to make a profound impact. Here's to your continued success in advancing hope, discovery, and healing.

Dr. Christos Giannoulas and Families

In cherished memory of our beloved mother, Yiota Giannoulas

**With Love, from Christos, Stavros, Kosta, and
Family**

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Congratulations to our dear friend Eleni, the Committee of HCRF,
Dr. Platanias, and the entire team at Northwestern Hospital.

Thank you for being an inspiration to so many, for your big heart, and for helping those in need. We wish you success, strength, and many blessings from God.

It's been a privilege to be part of the Wings To Cure Gala throughout this decade.

With Love,
Anna and Greg
The Flowerville Family



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Congratulations to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation!

We are honored to partner with you for this incredible event, helping to make it bloom with stunning florals. Your dedication to cancer research and support has been truly inspiring. Congratulations on ten remarkable years of making a difference! Here's to many more successful years ahead!



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We appreciate your support and invite you to connect with our community. Visit our newly designed website by scanning the QR code below.

Join our newsletter to participate in Zoom calls with Dr. Platanias, where you can engage in discussions, enjoy Q&A sessions, and stay updated on events and advancements in cancer research.

We look forward to connecting with you!





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In our collective efforts, we strive to maintain the beacon of hope for all those affected by cancer, assuring them that there is indeed a light at the end of the tunnel. When scientists, physicians, oncologists, and philanthropists join forces, remarkable progress becomes possible.

We express our profound appreciation to our dedicated Board of Directors, esteemed doctors, committed staff, and the tireless volunteers for their steadfast efforts, which have played a pivotal role in the success of our events year after year.

We extend a special thank you to Dr. Platanius and his world-renowned team for allowing us to be part of their legacy in the fight against cancer. Your dedication motivates us to work tirelessly day and night in our fundraising endeavors.

Together, we are determined to succeed in our mission.



The Hippocratic Oath

The very familiar “Hippocratic Oath” is a document on medical practices, ethics, and morals. Originally, Hippocrates was credited with composing the oath, however, newer research indicates it was written after his death by other physicians influenced by the medical practices in the Corpus.

Though not applied in its original form today, the many modernized versions that exist serve as foundation for the oath medical graduates take at the start of their careers. Some of the basic tenets of the oath include practicing medicine to the best of one's ability, sharing knowledge with other physicians, employing sympathy, compassion and understanding, respecting the privacy of patients and helping to prevent disease whenever possible.

Little is known about Hippocrates' death or his age, though it is widely held that he died in the Ancient Greek town of Larissa, around 377 BCE. Many historians believe he may have lived into his 80s or 90s. What is known is that he made a major contribution to medicine and set a standard for ethical practices.

