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The Woman's Board of Northwestern Memorial Hospital's

26th Annual Nora Cooney Marra Compassionate Care Awards

The Evening Kicked off the 120th Year of The Woman's Board and a New 10 Year, \$7 Million Pledge

On January 19, 2017, the Woman's Board of Northwestern Memorial Hospital hosted the Nora Cooney Marra Compassionate Care Awards. The awards honor nurses and doctors for their empathetic care of cancer patients. Seventy-five guests gathered for a cocktail reception held at a private club to applaud the 2017 award recipients:

- **Jonathan B. Strauss, MD, MBA**, Department of Radiation Oncology
- **Craig S. Boddy, MD**, Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology
- **Mary Ellen Maher, RN, MSN, APN**, Department of Neurosurgery

The event also celebrated the 120th anniversary of The Woman's Board, which was founded on January 30, 1897. In celebration, Joan Moore, immediate past President of the Board, presented a check for \$120,000 to Frank Giles, MD, Chief of Hematology/Oncology, for the Northwestern Medicine Developmental Therapeutics Program. The Woman's Board helped to launch the Developmental Therapeutics Program with a \$2 million commitment in 2013. *A new 10-year, \$7 million pledge by the Woman's Board was also announced. "As The Woman's Board celebrates 120 years, we are proud of those who paved the way for us. We look forward to a great partnership with Northwestern Medicine in the future," said Joan Moore.*

The 2017 Nora Cooney Marra Compassionate Care Award Recipients were introduced by their nominators with moving stories of their dedication to patients and were presented with a plaque and \$1,000 honorarium by Leonidas Platanias, MD, Director of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Woman's Board President, Stephanie McKean. These individuals set the standard for compassionate care by combining the highest degree of professional attainment in clinical practice with exceptional sensitivity to the needs of each patient. The Woman's Board of Northwestern Memorial Hospital established the Compassionate Care Awards in 1991, which were renamed in 2014 in memory of their beloved former president, Nora Cooney Marra.

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