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## **REFLECTIONS OF HOPE: 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Celebration** *Making cancer history, one song at a time...*

On Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, Voices of Hope (VOH), will present its 10<sup>th</sup> annual gala performance at North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) in Beverly, *Reflections of Hope*. Proceeds from the show support cutting edge work being conducted at the Henri and Belinda Termeer Center for Targeted Therapies at the Mass General Cancer Center. Join members of the local non-profit dedicated to raising funds for cancer research through musical performance, as they pursue their “March to a Million!”

2009—A few theater friends and a single performance raised \$17,000 for cancer research. The multi-talented VOH cast will once again fill the seats at NSMT to deliver an entertaining musical selection carefully curated from ten years of audience favorites. Don’t miss the opportunity to treat yourselves to this passionate, inspirational, and dynamic performance! You can’t help but feel the positive impact of this talented, mission-driven group, as they burst onto the stage in celebration of their successful support of cancer research through a decade of musical performance. Throughout this benefit performance, you’ll be treated to song, dance, and personal stories of triumph and hope, illustrated by the unifying power of such numbers as “You Will be Found” from Dear Evan Hansen, the quirky humor of “Hello” from Book of Mormon, the inspirational choreography of “Fight Song”, and VOH’s uniquely spectacular, tap-dancing rendition of “The Devil Went Down to Georgia.”

2010 Gala – *Symphony Hall*, Boston

“Each performance by VOH serves as a pebble dropped into the vast ocean of people impacted by cancer,” says Executive Artistic Director, Dana Siegal. “Over ten years, we’ve watched the ripples grow continuously wider on pace with the miraculous achievements of the researchers at MGH. In our own unique way, we are contributing to the historic evolution of cancer research.”

2011 Gala – *Symphony Hall*, Boston

"Through the years, our members have shared their many different experiences with cancer. And our galas have served as a reflection of their various journeys. Through music and dance, we have inspired those in treatment, celebrated recoveries, and mourned painful losses," said Greg Chastain, VOH Founder & President. "This is not an easy path to walk, but it has been made easier for each of us by building a community that thrives on the strength found through collective support and a common hope for a better future."

2012 Gala – *Jordan Hall*, Boston

Erika Rosato, nursing director of ambulatory oncology clinical services at the MGH Cancer Center shares the significance of the support The Termeer Center for Targeted Therapies receives from VOH. “They are funding and supporting this research that we’re doing, that we’re bringing to the bedside; to the patient,” Rosato said. “Your love for humanity, your love for these people you don’t even know, is amazing! We are so thankful and appreciative of all you’re doing.”

2013-2017 Galas – *North Shore Music Theatre*, Beverly

From the performers, to the choreographers, musicians, back-stage tech, and directors, each production represents more than 100 dedicated members of VOH. Personally impacted by cancer or dedicated to finding a cure, these volunteers collectively donate thousands of hours to rehearsal and planning in the months leading to this single night. Started as a single-fundraising event, VOH has grown into a thriving, year-round, philanthropic community. Don’t miss their celebration of the new possibilities born by significant advances being achieved through cancer research.

*North Shore Music Theatre*, Beverly

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual VOH Gala will begin with a cocktail reception and silent auction at 7 pm in the theatre lobby, followed by the performance of “Reflections of Hope” at 8 pm. Tickets for the event are: \$40, \$50, and \$75 (includes VIP reception) and can be purchased by contacting the Theatre Box Office by phone at 978-232-7200, online at [www.nsmt.org](http://www.nsmt.org), or in person at 62 Dunham Road in Beverly, MA. More information is available at [www.voicesofhopeboston.org](http://www.voicesofhopeboston.org).

**About Voices of Hope**

Voices of Hope (VOH) is a 501(c)(3) organization with more than 100 members who share a passion for the performing arts and a desire to join the fight against cancer by raising awareness and funds for cancer research. Through song we celebrate those we love, remember those we have lost, honor those who fight, and rejoice for those who survive. Honored by the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center as part of the one hundred in 2011 for their efforts in the fight against cancer, Voices of Hope has donated more than \$600,000 for cancer research since 2009.