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# VNA gala honors health care ‘heroes’



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The Visiting Nurse Association of Boston celebrated its annual “Heroes in Health Care” gala at the Mandarin Oriental Saturday night. The evening, which honored three heroes, raised \$250,000 for the 132-year-old VNA of Boston, part of VNA Care.

The gala was co-chaired by **Linda Hope-Springer** and **Loriann Meager**. **Amy** and **Dr. Joshua Boger** served as honorary chairs. **Dr. David Schenkein**, CEO, accepted

a Hero award on behalf of Agios. **Thomas A. Croswell**, president and CEO of Tufts Health Plan, and Dr. **Joan Y. Reede**, dean for diversity and community partnership of Harvard Medical School, also received Hero awards.

Among the attendees were **Holly Chaffee**, president and CEO of VNA Care; WBZ-TV medical reporter Dr. **Mallika Marshall**; WGBH's **Emily Rooney**; Dr. **Steven Strongwater**, president and CEO of Atrius Health; and former Heroes **James Roosevelt Jr.**, **Jackie Jenkins-Scott**, Dr. **Pierantonio Russo**, **John Greed**, and **Rich Rakowski**. Pictured (from left): Schenkein, Chaffee, Reede, Croswell, and Strongwater. MADDIE KILGANNON