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MPCC to Present Two Awards at 20th Anniversary of Prostate Cancer Symposium

March 15, 2017(Boston, MA): The Massachusetts Prostate Cancer Coalition (MPCC) is pleased and honored to announce two awards as part of the 20th Anniversary Prostate Cancer Symposium to be held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place on Friday, May 12, 2017, 7:30AM-1:00PM.

The Jack Colbert Memorial Award will be presented to **Marc Garnick, MD.**

Established in 2008 to honor a founding member of MPCC, the Colbert Award is presented periodically to a distinguished individual in the medical community who has significantly advanced the fight to conquer and cure prostate cancer through research and/or practice.

Marc B. Garnick, MD, is an internationally renowned expert in medical oncology and urologic cancer at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and the Gorman Brothers Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Past Recipients of the Colbert Award include J, Jacques Carter, MD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Matthew R. Smith, MD, Ph.D., Massachusetts General Hospital; Richard K. Babayan, MD, Boston Medical Center; William U. Shipley, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital; Glenn J. Bubley, MD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Philip W. Kantoff, MD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (now at Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Center.)

The Charles Austin Award will be presented to **Stan and Fran Klein.**

Established in 2006 to honor Charles Austin, an outstanding member of MPCC's first board of directors, this award is given to individuals who exemplify Charlie's courage, determination, good humor, and devotion to public education in the fight against prostate cancer.

Stan and Fran Klein of Somerville, MA, are longtime advocates in the fight to educate the community about prostate cancer. Stan runs the Boston Prostate Cancer Support Group at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, which hosts about 90 men once a month and has spoken to thousands of prostate cancer patients since his own surgery in 1994. He is also the founding co-chair of the Boston Prostate Cancer Walk, which began in 2000. Fran is the co-leader of a women-only support group held monthly at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

This award will be presented by Glenn Bubley, MD.

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Previous recipients include Charles Austin, Bill Whitmore, Tom Farmer, Manny Hamelburg, and William Tinney

The Massachusetts Prostate Cancer Coalition (MPCC) educates, connects, and supports men-at-risk, newly diagnosed individuals, survivors, and their families. It also connects organizations and professionals in Massachusetts that seek to conquer and cure prostate cancer.

For more information on MPCC and the 20th Anniversary Symposium visit <http://masspcc.org/>