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Philadelphia Chapter of Coaches vs. Cancer Named PSWA Ed Snider Humanitarian Award Recipient

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The Philadelphia Sports Writers Association (PSWA) is proud to announce that the American Cancer Society's Coach vs. Cancer Philadelphia Chapter has been named the Ed Snider Humanitarian Award Recipient.

The organization will be honored at the **122nd Annual PSWA Awards Banquet**, which will be held on Monday, January 11, 2027, at The Palestra on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania.

The Ed Snider Humanitarian Award is presented in memory of the late Philadelphia Flyers chairman and Comcast Spectacor founder Ed Snider, whose commitment to philanthropy, community service and improving the lives of others left a legacy in Philadelphia. Previous recipients include Kyle Schwarber, Aaron Nola, Tyrese Maxey and Connor Barwin.

Founded in 1996 by former Philadelphia Big 5 basketball coaches Fran Dunphy and Phil Martelli, Philadelphia Coaches vs. Cancer has grown into one of the most successful programs of its kind in the country. Through the support and leadership of Philadelphia's college basketball community, the organization has raised more than $23 million to support the American Cancer Society's mission to fight cancer.

"Thanks to Philly Sports Writers Association for recognizing Philly CVC chapter, stated Martelli. "We are honored to be representing all who have dramatically impacted our mission to crush cancer once and for all."

The program brings together coaches, student-athletes, alumni, businesses and members of the community through fundraising events, golf outings, special initiatives and other activities designed to raise money and awareness in the fight against cancer. The Philadelphia chapter's success is a testament to the leadership of its founders and the dedication of the basketball community.

"Philly Coaches vs. Cancer has made a big impact locally in the fight against this terrible disease," said PSWA President Mike Shute. "The organization has brought together the Philadelphia sports community around a terrible disease that has touched so many families, mine included. Its dedication, compassion and continued efforts to support those battling cancer make it a deserving recipient of this honor."

The 2027 PSWA Awards Banquet will hold special significance as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of The Palestra, one of the most historic venues in college basketball.

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As part of the celebration of "The Cathedral of College Basketball," Big Five legends from the schools will be in attendance with former players and coaches set to speak about their experiences in The Palestra. The evening will also bring together members of the Philadelphia sports community to celebrate outstanding athletes, coaches, administrators and members of the media while recognizing the achievements and contributions that continue to make the region one of the nation's premier sports communities.

Tickets for the 122nd Annual PSWA Awards Banquet are **$125 per person or $1,400 for a table of 12**. Doors will open at 5 p.m., with the banquet beginning at 6 p.m.

Previously announced honorees include:
Most Courageous Award – Jason Myrtetus, Philadelphia Flyers broadcaster
Stan Hochman Award – Dick "Hoops" Weiss, Philadelphia Daily News, N.Y. Daily News
Pro Athlete of the Year – Jalen Brunson, New York Knicks
Bill Campbell Award – Tom McCarthy, Philadelphia Phillies, CBS (NFL/NCAA Basketball) broadcaster
Good Guy Award – Mike Mahoney, Atlantic-10 Conference (formerly University of Pennsylvania)
Amateur Athlete of the Year – Tague Davis, University of Louisville baseball
Living Legend – Bill White, MLB player, National League president, sports anchor and broadcaster
Most Courageous, posthumously – Chris DiJulia, St. Joseph's University super fan
Team(s) of the Year — USA Hockey Men's/Women's Olympic Teams and Sled Hockey Paralympic Team
*All honorees attendance is not guaranteed

For additional information and to purchase tickets, visit **www.phillysportswriters.com**.

About the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association
The Philadelphia Sports Writers Association is one of the nation's oldest and most respected organizations dedicated to recognizing excellence in sports and sports journalism. Through its annual awards banquet and other initiatives, the PSWA honors the athletes, coaches, administrators and media members who have made significant contributions to the world of sports. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the PSWA sponsors a variety of events to raise funds to provide scholarships for deserving college students and donates to a variety of other charities both in the Philadelphia region and nationally.

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