



### *What is the Hope Takes Flight Award?*

The Hope Takes Flight Award is an annual award that recognizes an individual or business who, through their volunteerism, profession, or financial contribution to cancer patients and/or the American Cancer Society, has provided hope for so many who are battling cancer throughout Washington County or adjoining counties. Their contribution has also provided support for caregivers in our area.

### *How do I submit a nomination?*

To submit a nomination, complete the attached form and submit it to [hoptakesflight@eveningofhope.org](mailto:hoptakesflight@eveningofhope.org) or visit [www.eveningofhope.org/award](http://www.eveningofhope.org/award). Entries may also be mailed to:

An Evening of Hope  
13109 Bikle Road  
Smithsburg, MD 21783

Be sure to include your contact information as well as the information for the nominee. All entries must be submitted no later than midnight on June 30, 2022.

The winner will be determined by the selection committee. The Hope Takes Flight Award will be presented at An Evening of Hope on Friday, October 7, 2022. For more questions, email [hoptakesflight@eveningofhope.org](mailto:hoptakesflight@eveningofhope.org) or [info@eveningofhope.org](mailto:info@eveningofhope.org) or call 240-217-6031.

The Hope Takes Flight Award was created as a way to remember Melissa Wheatcraft. Melissa served as a committee member of the Relay For Life of Washington County for several years. While never one to want to be in the limelight, Melissa worked behind the scenes to help where ever needed to further the fight against cancer. Even her own diagnosis with terminal cancer couldn't stop her from helping with the hope that cancer, one day, will be eliminated. Melissa was always willing to share her cancer journey, as long as it would conclude in a donation to the American Cancer Society.

Melissa's love of butterflies inspired the name of the award. Just as the butterfly floats through the air, the hope that so many in our community provide flows throughout Washington County and benefits those who have been diagnosed with cancer as well as their loved ones.



# | Nomination Form

## *Your Information*

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First Name

Last Name

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Address

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City

State

ZIP

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Phone Number

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Email Address

You may be contacted for additional information or clarification.

## *About the Nominee*

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First Name

Last Name

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Company Name (if applicable)

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Address

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City

State

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Phone Number

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Email Address

How has this person or business supported the American Cancer Society?

Please give a description (1,000 words or less, please) of why this person/company deserves to be honored with the Hope Takes Flight Award. Please add additional pages if necessary.