

The Creative Heart

Answering the Challenge of Cancer through Imagination, Spirituality, and the Arts

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 | 8:30 — 10:30 a.m.
1275 York Avenue (Room 107)

The Creative Heart series explores how imagination, spirituality, and artistic expression serve as powerful resources in cancer care. This innovative series expands traditional concepts of spirituality beyond religious frameworks by introducing artistic engagement as an accessible pathway for meaning-making, connection, and wellbeing, while offering interactive experiences and dialogue that help participants integrate creative practices into both patient care and professional self-care.



Will Schwalbe



Chef JJ Johnson

This inaugural event will feature **Will Schwalbe**, author of the bestseller, *The End of Your Life Book Club*, and award-winning **Chef JJ Johnson**. Event highlights include:

- **Community Connection Breakfast:** Start your day with a nourishing breakfast while connecting with patients, family members, and colleagues from across the MSK community.
- **Interactive Creative Workshop:** A guided session of artistic expression led by our featured guests, with opportunities for hands-on participation.
- **Moderated Conversation & Reflection:** A dialogue with Will Schwalbe and Chef JJ Johnson on how creative practices support healing, spiritual wellbeing, and self-care in patient care

This CME-accredited series is intended for patients with cancer, their family caregivers, and multidisciplinary healthcare professionals in oncology settings, and is offered **complimentary to all participants**.



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Schedule

8:30 a.m.	Community Connection Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Introduction and Welcome Paul Yoon, MDiv, MA, BCC
9:10 a.m.	Interactive Creative Workshop Will Schwalbe & Chef JJ Johnson
10:00 a.m.	Moderated Conversation and Reflection Moderators: Natasha Dachos, BCC, LMSW, MAPCC and Molly O'Neil Frank, BCC, MDiv
10:25 a.m.	Closing Remarks Atsede Elegba, MDiv, STM, BCC
10:30 a.m.	Adjourn

Accreditation

The following continuing education credits will be offered:

- *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*
- New York State Psychology Contact Hours
- New York State Social Work Contact Hours (*pending application approval*)
- ANCC Nursing Contact Hours (*pending application approval*)

*The Creative Heart Series is dedicated to the memory of **Carlos D. Cuartas** (1957–2020), former MSK Chaplain.*

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