The American Cancer Society’s Evening of Hope Gala, formerly the Omar T. Pace Gala, is Western Massachusetts premier gala event, raising money to support the American Cancer Society’s fight against cancer. The gala brings together and pays special tribute to the prestigious business leaders, devoted medical professionals and dedicated volunteers throughout Western Massachusetts who are committed to conquering this disease. Now in its sixteenth year, the Evening of Hope Gala has raised over $756,000 to benefit the Society’s programs of research, education, advocacy, and patient services.

Omar T. Pace Award
For 53 years, Dr. Omar T. Pace, MD, volunteered his time, talent, and expertise to the American Cancer Society’s life-saving mission. Dr. Pace’s dedication to the fight against cancer, his patients, and community earned him the Society’s deepest gratitude, respect, and highest honors. In keeping with tradition, the Omar T. Pace award will be presented at the Gala to an individual in the community who, like Dr. Pace, has made a difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families.

Past Omar T. Pace Award recipients:
The D’Amour Family
Sister of Providence Mary Caritas, SP
Mark Tolosky
Emanual “Manny” Rovithis
Kevin B. Vann
David W. Glidden
David M. Bartley, EdD
F. William Marshall, Jr.
Judith Plotkin-Goldberg
Andrew M. Scibelli, EdD
Timothy P. Crimmins, Jr.
Gary L. Fialky, Esq.
U.S. Congressman, Richard E. Neal
George R. Ditomassi, Jr.
Omar T. Pace, MD

2008 Honoree – Larry Grenier
For more than 35 years, Larry Grenier has been an active volunteer with the American Cancer Society, participating in a variety of life-saving fundraisers and programs which support the fight against cancer, including Daffodil Days and Relay For Life. His generous and longtime support for the cancer community is well-known throughout Western Massachusetts, proving that a “hometown guy from a Holyoke, Massachusetts” can make a very big difference!

Evening of Hope Gala Co-Chairmen:
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