American Liver Foundation Gala to Honor Leaders in Liver Community

The National Legacy Gala in New York City this week will celebrate physicians, philanthropists and members of the liver community.

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Wednesday, October 29, the American Liver Foundation (ALF) will host its National Legacy Gala celebrating individuals and organizations that have made positive contributions to the ALF and liver community at Gotham Hall in New York City.

The fundraising event recognizes the achievements of distinguished leaders and visionaries in the liver community. The gala will include a networking cocktail reception, a silent auction and dinner followed by an awards ceremony.

The money raised by the event will help fund ALF resources, education and support services for the 100 million Americans affected by liver disease and advance research and patient advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill.

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The evening will pay tribute to Rebecca Taub, MD, founder, senior scientific and medical adviser at the pharmaceutical company Madrigal; leading transplant surgeon Benjamin Samstein, MD, professor of surgery and chief of liver transplantation, hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital–Weill Cornell Medicine; leader in pediatric liver care and research Ronald Sokol, MD, distinguished professor of pediatrics and chief scientific officer at the University of Colorado School of Medicine; and dedicated liver health philanthropists the Kellner Family.

“We’re honored to celebrate the phenomenal achievements of a physician-scientist whose visionary research helped shape groundbreaking therapeutic approaches in liver disease, a renowned physician who pioneered minimally invasive liver surgery and robotic techniques for liver cancer, a dedicated pediatric physician who led groundbreaking research in childhood liver diseases and liver care, and a family who turned a challenging liver disease diagnosis into a lifelong philanthropic commitment to help others,” said ALF CEO Lorraine Stiehl, in a news release. “ALF’s National Legacy Gala is a beautiful evening of celebration as we honor the contributions of our esteemed 2025 award recipients.”

Additionally, the gala will recognize 2025 Liver Champion Henry Cuttler, who was diagnosed with bile duct cancer in January 2024. After undergoing chemotherapy and surgery, Cuttler, a lifelong marathoner and triathlete, is cancer-free. Go here to read more about Cuttler’s story and donate to his cause.

To learn more about the gala and purchase tickets, go here. To participate in the silent auction, go here. Can’t attend? Register for a free live stream of the event here.

And don’t miss the remaining ALF-run events this National Liver Awareness Month.

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