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THE WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE DONOR NEWSLETTER



One more Full Lighting still to come!

Saturday, November 8th
WaterFire's Salute to Veterans

WaterFire Helping RI Defeat Hep C

Dr. Lynn E. Taylor Partners with WaterFire to Help Eradicate hepatitis C in Rhode Island

On Sat., July 26th, 65,000 people gathered to watch the ring of fire and ensuing ceremony as 100 physicians and persons at the forefront of the fight to eradicate hepatitis C in Rhode Island encircled Waterplace Park basin with torches alite.

The C is for Cure: A WaterFire Lighting for RI Defeats Hep C, was made possible by the hard work of Dr. Lynn E. Taylor, MD, and the generosity of John and Letitia Carter through the RI Foundation Innovation Fellowship grant—a 3-year award to test and implement innovative ideas for life improvement in Rhode Island.

The night was full of activity as we worked to encourage discussion about a formerly taboo now completely curable disease. “I think we’re just beginning to see

the ripple effect of that night,” said Dr. Taylor, a viral hepatitis, HIV/AIDS and primary care physician. “We hoped it would diminish stigma and isolation, and as you looked around there were little kids twirling and dancing and people from all over the world. People were so matter-of-fact about hepatitis C, and that was just extraordinary.”

An awareness station on College Street bridge offered free hepatitis C screening, where some of our guests tested positive and can now take the appropriate steps at an early enough stage to save their lives!

Your contribution to WaterFire helped make this night a reality, we thank you for being a hero!



Did you know that 1 in 30 Baby Boomers have hepatitis C and don't know about it?

