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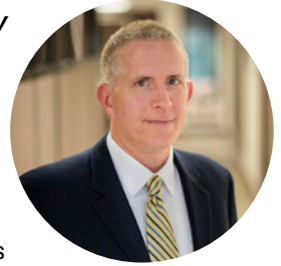


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From the President and CEO

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to our first-ever virtual **Broadway Belts for PFF!** Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate the 11th anniversary of this blockbuster benefit for the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (PFF).



Although we wish we were celebrating in person at New York City's Edison Ballroom, we are grateful to be connected virtually through the magic of **Broadway Belts for PFF!** The past year has presented tremendous challenges, but the PF community has remained united and focused on pushing toward a cure even amidst the coronavirus pandemic.

Tonight's virtual presentation of **Broadway Belts for PFF!** offers a unique opportunity for us to bring the best of Broadway to everyone in our community and beyond. Our extraordinary host, newly inducted PFF Board Member, actress and comedienne, Julie Halston, is the indefatigable force behind this event. Julie's passion and devotion to all whose lives have been touched by PF is the reason that **Broadway Belts for PFF!** continues to be the Foundation's single largest fundraiser.

We are excited that tonight's production has been created in partnership with Julie's weekly YouTube sensation, *Virtual Halston*, which also benefits the PFF. Our heartfelt thanks to Julie, her co-host Jim Caruso, technical director Ruby Locknar, producer D. Michael Dvorchak, and the amazing cast of tonight's program for donating their time and talent to our cause. Their spirit and song give us a rare opportunity to raise crucial funds and shine a spotlight on this devastating disease. With your support, **Broadway Belts for PFF!** will continue as an inspiring example of what we can achieve together.

Tonight, we honor PFF advocate and Board Member Laurie Chandler by presenting her with the **Ralph Howard Legacy Award**. Laurie's extraordinary generosity and leadership have made a lasting impact on many individuals in our community as well as on the PFF. As a patient who has been on her own journey with the disease, Laurie brings hope and understanding to those who have been affected by pulmonary fibrosis. Laurie, we are proud to celebrate you and your dedication to patients and their families.

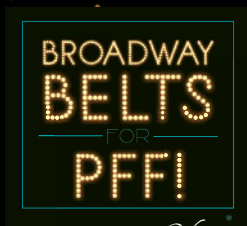
Whether you are an attendee, sponsor, celebrity guest, or helping with the production of tonight's program, we deeply appreciate your participation in **Broadway Belts for PFF!**

Now, let's enjoy the show!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William T. Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "T".

William T. Schmidt
President and CEO



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Hosted By:



Julie Halston

*Tootsie, Gypsy,
You Can't Take It With You,
Sex and the City*



Jim Caruso

*Jim Caruso's Cast Party,
Six Time MAC
Award Recipient*

With Performances By:



Robert Creighton

*Frozen, Cagney
(Fred Astaire Award),
The Good Fight*



Christine Ebersole

*Grey Gardens (Tony Award),
42nd Street (Tony Award),
Bob Hearts Abishola*



Max von Essen

*An American in Paris (Tony
Award-nominee), The Good
Wife, Gossip Girl*



Darlene Love

*Inducted into the Rock N'
Roll Hall of Fame (2011),
20 Feet from Stardom
(Grammy Award)*



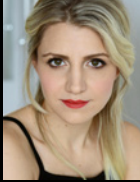
Andrew Rannells

*The Book of Mormon
(Tony Award-nominee,
Grammy Award), The Prom,
Black Monday*

And Grand Finale from the *Broadway Belts* Chorus Featuring:
Colleen Ballinger, Christina Bianco, Charl Brown, Diana DeGarmo,
Natalie Douglas, Aisha De Haas, Jessica Hendy, Nicolas King,
Telly Leung, Ruby Locknar, Jane Monheit, Sally Mayes,
Susie Mosher, T. Oliver Reid, Justin "Squigs" Robertson,
Marissa Rosen, Victoria Shaw, Billy Stritch, Gene Taylor,
Melanie Taylor, Marty Thomas, Rachel Ulanet, and Ace Young.

Produced by Jonathan Hawkins & To The Muse

Special Appearances By:



Annaleigh Ashford
B Positive (CBS), *Sunday*
in the Park with George



Jesse Tyler Ferguson
Modern Family (ABC),
The 25th Annual Putnam
County Spelling Bee



Harvey Fierstein
Hairspray,
Torch Song Trilogy



Montego Glover
Memphis, It Should
Have Been You



Ann Harada
Avenue Q, *Cinderella*



James Monroe Iglehart
Aladdin, *Hamilton*



Mary Testa
Oklahoma!, *Xanadu*

And Members of the *Broadway Belts* for PFF! Production Team:
Carl Andress • Sue Frost • Christopher McGovern

2021 *Broadway Belts* for PFF! Production Team:
D. Michael Dvorchak, Producer • Ruby Locknar, Technical Director

**Thank you Julie Halston,
Virtual Halston and the Broadway Community**
for bringing us a ‘breath of fresh air’
with star-studded performers, laughs
and fun in this challenging time.

Thank you **Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation** as
you continue to make huge strides in
finding a cure while supporting those with
this devastating disease.

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Thank you Julie, George, Bill,
Scott and the PFF team who
make *Broadway Belts for PFF!*
such an incredible evening!

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are proud supporters of
Broadway Belts for PFF!

What is Pulmonary Fibrosis?

Pulmonary fibrosis (PF) is a family of more than 200 different lung diseases that all look very much alike. The PF family of lung diseases falls into an even larger group of diseases called “interstitial lung diseases.” The word “pulmonary” means “lung” and “fibrosis” means scar tissue – so in its simplest sense, pulmonary fibrosis means scarring in the lungs.

Pulmonary fibrosis is a progressive disease, which means it tends to worsen over time. However, every individual diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis has a unique experience with the disease and there is no “standard” or expected clinical course.

With no known cure, certain forms of PF, such as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, (IPF), may take the lives of patients within three to five years from diagnosis. The good news for people living with PF is that there are treatments designed to specifically manage the symptoms of the disease and researchers are studying new ways to halt its progression.



1 IN 200

over the age of 70 are diagnosed with IPF



200,000+

people are living with IPF in the U.S.



50,000 NEW CASES

of IPF are diagnosed annually

The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation mobilizes people and resources to provide access to high quality care and leads research for a cure so people with pulmonary fibrosis will live longer, healthier lives. For more information, visit pulmonaryfibrosis.org or call **844.TalkPFF**.



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Broadway Belts for PFF.

We celebrate all who gather here virtually
and salute Julie Halston and the entire
Broadway Belts for PFF team for the
loving passion they bring to it all.

We miss our pals,
Ralph Howard and Michael Kuchwara.



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In Tribute to Michael Kuchwara



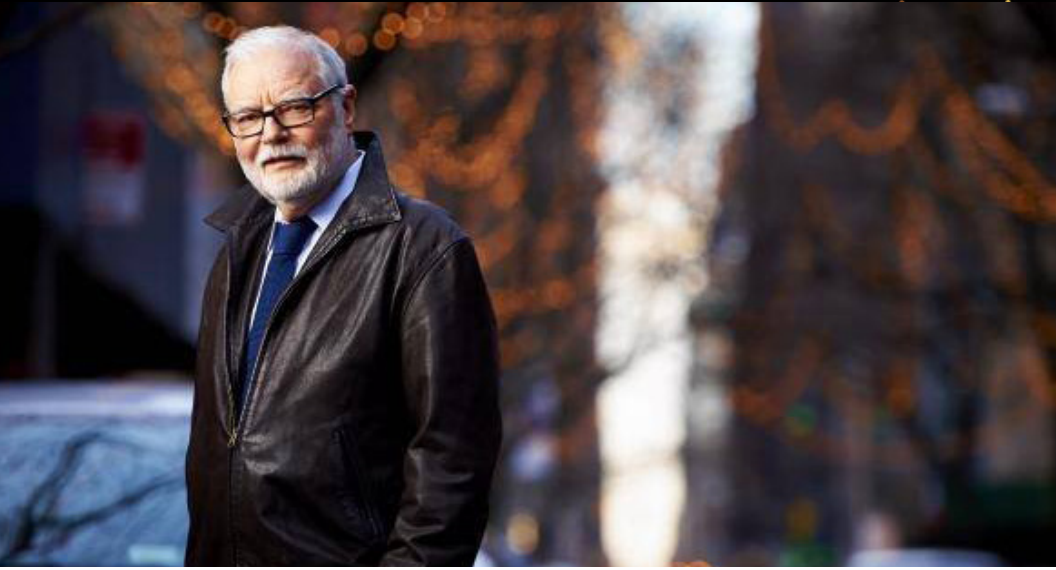
MICHAEL KUCHWARA

Broadway Belts for PFF! began 11 years ago as a tribute to beloved Associated Press (AP) Theater Critic, Michael Kuchwara, after he succumbed to idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in May 2010. Kuchwara was known for his kindness, generosity, and easygoing personality. He had a devout love of theater, especially musical theater, from a very young age.

During his 40 year career with the AP and with his appointment to the national theater desk in 1984, he reviewed nearly every production that came through New York as well many regional arenas, and his work appeared in thousands of papers and on websites around the world.



Ralph Howard Legacy Award



RALPH HOWARD

Ralph Howard was a renowned radio personality and newscaster who is best known for his coverage of the tragedies of 9/11 and his work on *The Howard Stern Show* for Sirius XM. He adored his career in broadcasting and worked to educate, mentor, and inspire younger colleagues in the field. Howard was also very active in his community, serving on his co-op board, block association and community board, and volunteering at museums, The Theatre Development Fund, and Lincoln Center. Ralph and his wife, Julie Halston, were founding partners of *Broadway Belts for PFF!* and became leading advocates for the PF community after his own battle with IPF. He received a life-extending lung transplant in 2010 and passed due to complications from the disease in August 2018.

RALPH HOWARD LEGACY AWARD

Ralph's endless curiosity about the world and his direct and generous engagement with it inspired us to create **The Ralph Howard Legacy Award**. This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the pulmonary fibrosis community and who embody Ralph's mission of fostering and supporting talent through mentorship, opportunity, and education. The inaugural award was presented at *Broadway Belts for PFF!* in 2019 and will continue to be an integral part of the event as we honor Ralph and the incredible achievements and generosity of the recipients each year.

2021 Ralph Howard Legacy Award Recipient

LAURIE CHANDLER



In recognition and gratitude for her extraordinary generosity and kindness, we are honored to present the 2021 Ralph Howard Legacy Award to **Laurie Chandler**.

Laurie is a Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (PFF) advocate and Board Member who joined the PFF as a volunteer after receiving a life-saving lung transplant in 2014. Since then, Laurie has devoted herself to helping as many people impacted by pulmonary fibrosis as possible.

Laurie is a comforting and knowledgeable voice for newly diagnosed patients facing the daunting journey ahead. Her positive mindset instills confidence, a true gift to families who often feel alone and helpless. Laurie is eager to share her personal experience and empower those on this path. She directs them to resources for education and care, lends her perspective on her own diagnosis, and above all, provides hope.

As someone who faced the struggles of pulmonary fibrosis head on, Laurie's calming tone reassures patients that they can be proactive in living with PF. She believes that if patients can get diagnosed earlier they will have more promising outcomes. Laurie understands that care and support must come not only from doctors but also from fellow patients, loved ones, and the PF community at large.

Laurie serves as the Treasurer of the PFF Board of Directors. She has been instrumental in the launch of several PFF fundraising initiatives, most recently the PFF's planned giving program. Laurie is a financial advisor and partner at Vigilant Capital, LLC and spent much of her career as a relationship manager and wealth planner. In addition to her role with the PFF, Laurie serves as the co-chair of the Patient Family Advisory Council of Portsmouth Regional Hospital and is a Brigham Legacy Society member of Brigham Women's Hospital.

Laurie's caring attitude and committed leadership are guiding us toward a better world for those impacted by pulmonary fibrosis. The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation extends heartfelt thanks to Laurie Chandler for all that she has done for our patients, caregivers, and their loved ones.



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*In memory of
our dear Ralph*

and

*In honor of
Julie and the great
work of PFF*

*With Love,
Daryl Roth*

**Our warmest congratulations to
Laurie Chandler on receiving the
Ralph Howard Legacy Award.**

**Laurie, you are a guiding light for
the pulmonary fibrosis community.
We applaud you!**

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Bravo!

Robert Creighton and
Elizabeth Phillipson Weiner

for launching our very first *Broadway Belts for PFF!* Sea Shanty! The lyrics and melody entertained and inspired us to join together in new ways - thank you!

You've got something to look forward to this year:

PFF Summit 2021

November 8-13

Stay tuned for exciting details!

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Congratulations to *Broadway Belts for PFF!* for continuing to raise support and awareness for Pulmonary Fibrosis



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- And so much more

Each September, we
shine the spotlight on

you

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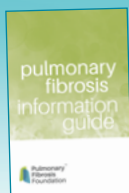


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The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation's mission is to drive research and act as the trusted resource for the pulmonary fibrosis community. We exist to serve people of every race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, identity, and experience. Through research programs and patient education, we are committed to ensuring that everyone with pulmonary fibrosis receives the care and treatment they need.



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Congratulates Broadway Belts for leadership, vision, and support for patients with Pulmonary Fibrosis.



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Follow the PFF on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn. Find stories, news, educational information, and so much more.

Got something you'd like to share with the PF community? We'd love to hear from you! Tag us or send a direct message with your content.



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B.T. Whitehill

for your support in creating our special
Broadway Belts for PFF! and Virtual Halston graphic to
open tonight's show. Your creativity and
artistry delight us!

Thank you!

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Chronic cough

Fatigue

200,000 Americans currently live with pulmonary fibrosis, with **50,000 new cases** diagnosed annually.

Pinpoint PF



Visit **AboutPF.org** or call **844.TalkPFF** (844.825.5733) to take action.



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Robert Creighton

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Lisa Goldberg

Alaina Gonzalez-White

Nathan Johnson

Christopher McGovern

Elizabeth Phillipson-Weiner

Justin "Squigs" Robertson

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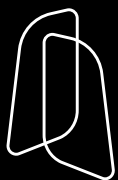
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**through Theater Authority, Inc. for their cooperation in
permitting the Artists to appear on this program.**

**A special thanks to tonight's performers who have so generously
donated their time and talents.**

Thank YOU for a dazzling evening!

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