

Client: Conquer Cancer Coalition of Massachusetts;
Boston, MA

Designers: Ellen Forrester & Linda Herman

Design Completion: Winter 2010

Installation: Spring 2010

Description:

Located in the northeast corner of Boston City Hall Plaza and overlooking many memorable landmarks, the Cancer Garden of Hope is a destination for those seeking a place to honor loved ones and a welcome retreat for visitors to this historic district of Boston.

COG designers Ellen Forrester and Linda Herman developed the planting plan for the garden's 150 linear feet of built-in granite planters, relying on the hardiest of ornamental plant material to withstand the hot sun and dry winds in this forgotten corner of Boston's infamous brick plaza. The garden includes approximately 3,000 personalized bricks, each with a very special engraved message, installed along the inside walls. Metalworker James DiSilvestro created unique iron trellises to add a fanciful, and durable, element to the garden.

The Cancer Coalition of Massachusetts, the Zuker family, COGdesign, Hope In Bloom, and many other friends and supporters celebrated the opening of the Cancer Garden of Hope in June 2010. Boston Mayor Thomas Menino welcomed the many cancer survivors and family members of those lost to cancer to this newly-created flowering oasis.

