



Save the Date!

**Red, White and Pink
Wine tasting benefitting
To Celebrate Life
Saturday, May 14
11:00 - 4:00 PM
Eastside Bunch Wineries
Healdsburg
[Tickets](#)**

**Rally for Health
and Hope
Monday, May 23
The Club at Harbor Point
Mill Valley
[Register](#)**

**Tee It Up
To Celebrate Life
Monday, June 20
Sonoma Golf Club
Sonoma
[Early Bird Registration](#)**

**Stepping Out
To Celebrate Life
A Night to Bond
Saturday, October 1
Marin Center Exhibit Hall
San Rafael**



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\$190,000 awarded to 17 Bay Area non-profits

The April 4 Grants Reception held at the Acqua Hotel was an inspiring and heartwarming evening as we honored the dedication and commitment of our 2011 grant recipients. Donors, sponsors and volunteers celebrated the work of 17 Bay Area organizations that serve women and men dealing with breast cancer. [Reception photos](#)
Read more about our [2011 recipients](#)



2011 To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation Grantees
at the April 4th Grants Reception, Acqua Hotel, Mill Valley
Patty Spinks Photography

Faces of the Foundation

This month we honor **Chris Brettingen**, past board president.

Chris is a familiar face at *To Celebrate Life*. Her path as a volunteer started on the *Stepping Out* runway in 2003...and led all the way to president of the Board of Directors. For the last six years Chris has worked with the model committee, spearheading the fashion team that



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selects outfits and arranges fittings for the *Stepping Out* models. In 2008, Chris was invited to join the board. "I was blessed to get my wish which was to be part of the grants committee," she says. In this role she has learned so much about breast cancer and the challenges faced by various ethnic communities in the diagnosis and treatment of the disease.



A 20-year breast cancer survivor, Chris chose not to talk about her diagnosis at first as she didn't want to be defined by it. "However, once I found this group, I became engaged as a breast cancer survivor and I'm proud of it," she says.

Since turning over the reins of the board presidency to her successor Jane Pallas last month, Chris has been busy co-chairing *Rally for Health and Hope*. And, she continues to dedicate her time and talents as a board member. "I am so fortunate to work with the board and our volunteers in carrying out our mission," says Chris.

Red, White and Pink Wine tasting benefitting *To Celebrate Life*

Explore the exceptional family-owned wineries on the Eastside of the Russian River in Healdsburg on Saturday, May 14 from 11am-4pm. Enjoy a day of special wine tastings, delicious food pairings and event-only discounts, all while making a difference. The Eastside Bunch Wineries will donate a portion of each ticket price and part of the day's proceeds to the *Foundation*. [Purchase Tickets](#)

Nourishing those affected by breast cancer: The Ceres Community Project, a 2011 *To Celebrate Life* grantee

The Ceres Community Project provides 25,000 appealing, delicious and nourishing meals each year to individuals and families living with a life-threatening illness such as cancer. The program's chefs are teenagers from more than 18 local high schools in Sonoma and Marin. They gain culinary and leadership skills, and the inspiration to make cooking and eating healthy foods a part of their life.

Guests at our April 4th Grants Reception were treated to delicious organic hors d'oeuvres prepared and served by the Ceres teen chefs based on recipes from their cookbook [Nourishing Connections: The Healing Power of Food and Community](#)



Left to right: Julie Stufflebeam, Ceres Community Project Kitchen Manager, Diana Tenenbaum, Teen Leader, Alissa Woolsey, Maya Contardi, Teen Chefs Cathryn Couch, Executive Director

Tidbits

15 Years of Celebrating Life ...Talk 15 friends into joining you at one or more of the upcoming *To Celebrate Life* events!

A Meaningful Mother's Day Gift ... Honor your mother this year by giving uninsured/underserved women and men in the Bay Area information and support that may save their lives! A \$75 donation will provide a free screening mammogram, \$300 will cover the cost of a diagnostic mammogram. Any amount you choose will be used to provide safety-net services for those in the direst circumstances. [Donate](#)

Picture This...YOU behind the wheel of a Maserati or Ferrari! Players with best team scores (Men's, Women's and Mixed) at *Tee It Up To Celebrate Life* will each receive a test drive of a Maserati on a date of his/her choice. Two successful live auction bidders will receive use of a Maserati for a weekend, complete with hotel and dinner or a test drive of a Ferrari for ten! (Courtesy of Maserati-Ferrari of San Francisco at Mill Valley)

[Early Bird Registration](#) April 15 - May 31.



Tee It Up co-chair Mike Belling checks out the Maserati.

