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TO CELEBRATE LIFE
BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

Save the Date!

Esurance Tennis Classic

Significant portion of
proceeds benefit
To Celebrate Life

September 23-25

The Club at Harbor Point
Mill Valley

www.tennisclassic.org

Stepping Out To Celebrate Life

**A Night to Bond
Saturday, October 1**

Marin Center Exhibit Hall
San Rafael



[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

[Stepping Out info](#)

Committee Meetings:

Final *Stepping Out* meeting
August 24, 6:30 pm
At Hospice by the Bay
(2nd Floor)
17 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
Larkspur

A Night to Bond, A Night to Celebrate Life



Put on your best "Bond Chic" (black tie optional), and get ready to live the James Bond experience at *Stepping Out To Celebrate Life*, Saturday, October 1.

Former *Stepping Out* model Linda Imperial (2005) will rock the house with her renditions of "Goldfinger," and other Bond signature songs. You can bid for such 007-ish Live Auction items as a stay in an English home during the 2012 Olympics, an escape to Andalucia, Spain or a leather jacket from Sammy Hagar autographed by a bunch of his musician friends, not to mention our exceptional Wine Library featuring a rare '97 Colgin Estates Cabernet Sauvignon valued at \$525 - \$800 and described by Robert Parker as "nearly perfect." And, don't miss a chance to win at your favorite games in our Casino Royale ... Scrip can be purchased in advance so you can begin "gambling" immediately, or you can purchase scrip at the event.

[Find out more](#)

Stewards of Your Generosity -

How we make sure your donation makes a big difference

With so many nonprofits asking for your help, you may be wondering, "Why support *To Celebrate Life*?...How do I know that my money is going where it will do the most good?"

To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation raises money then grants funds to carefully screened nonprofit organizations that provide services to men and women living with the many challenges of breast cancer. On average, 70% of our income is granted, with the rest invested for reserves and supporting a minimal overhead.

How does the *Foundation* know which organizations warrant help?

How do you know your donations are being used responsibly?

Board President Jane Pallas [answers your questions](#)

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Carmen Ortiz - Executive Director of Circulo de Vida will model in *Stepping Out*

Carmen will be stepping onto the runway 23 years after being diagnosed. In October 1988, shortly after completing her doctorate in clinical psychology, she learned she had breast cancer. Carmen was shocked, not only because of her age (39), but because 10 months earlier she'd had a baseline mammogram followed by a clinical breast exam and neither turned up anything suspicious. After seeking a second opinion, Carmen was told that a mastectomy was her best option. "The support I received, especially from my circle of women friends, was just tremendous," she says.

In 1999 Carmen began laying the foundation for [Circulo de Vida Cancer Support and Resource Center](#) in San Francisco, a *To Celebrate Life* grantee. *Circulo de Vida* has been a model for Spanish-language programs in five Bay Area cities. Carmen also developed and implemented a hospital-based program for newly diagnosed Latinas at San Francisco General Hospital, as well as an in-home support program for Latinas too ill to attend a support group and for those in the terminal phase of their illness.

Help make a difference in someone's life...

Donate Today!

Faces of the Foundation

Patti Litman



When the models walk out on the *Stepping Out* runway looking beautiful in their fabulous fashions, Patti Litman is in the audience, beaming. Since 2005 she has worked as part of the fashion team with Janice Sunderland and Chris Brettingen that helps select, fit and accessorize each outfit.

Patti was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002 and modeled the following year. In 2004 she worked on the model committee before stepping into the wardrobing role. Her work begins after the model luncheon in late August, and during the final two weeks before

Stepping Out, she puts in many 12 hour days with up to 90 fittings in the City and Marin. Patti estimates that she's worked with about 200 models. "Every year I make 30 new friends," she says.

What's the best part of the job? "Helping people have the same great experience I had. I've seen women blossom. We help them feel beautiful and special, and their families get to see them happy again." The multi-talented Patti is also a jewelry designer and has worked as a chef developing recipes for magazines and cookbooks as well as food styling.

To Celebrate Life is grateful to Patti and her husband Craig for underwriting the costs associated with this year's model luncheon.

Tidbits

To Celebrate Life 2010 Annual Report is now [available online](#)



Buck Institute teams with British company to develop test to predict success of breast cancer treatments.

The Buck Institute for Research on Aging in Novato will collaborate with a London-based company to develop a test to predict if women with breast cancer will respond to commonly used anti-estrogen therapies, such as tamoxifen. [Read More](#)

Bryan Brothers and John McEnroe headline the 2011 [Esurance Tennis Classic](#)

Tennis fans - Don't miss the annual Esurance Tennis Classic at The Club at Harbor Point in Mill Valley! This year's legendary players include the Bryan Brothers, current #1 ATP Mens' Doubles Team, John McEnroe, Tracy Austin, Gigi Fernandez, Murphy Jensen, and more. The fundraiser takes place September 23-25, with *To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation* and the Youth Tennis Advantage as major beneficiaries. And, *To Celebrate Life* is selling tickets for the Saturday program, with all proceeds going to the *Foundation*. For Saturday tickets, contact Kathy Meyer, kathy.meyer@tocelebratelife.org. For Sunday tickets,



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