



in the **LOOP**

March
2011

TO CELEBRATE  LIFE
BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

Save the Date!

Stepping Out To Celebrate Life Volunteer Kickoff

Wednesday, March 30
6:30 PM
Hospice by the Bay
Larkspur

Grants Reception Monday, April 4

6:30 - 8:30 PM
Acqua Hotel
Mill Valley

Rally for Health and Hope

Monday, May 23
The Club at Harbor Point
Mill Valley

Tee It Up To Celebrate Life

Monday, June 20
Sonoma Golf Club
Sonoma

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



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2011 Grants to be Awarded at our April 4th Reception

Each year, Bay Area non-profit organizations providing services for women and men dealing with breast cancer are invited to apply for a grant from the *Foundation*. Our Grants Review Board, a team of community health leaders, breast care physicians, sponsors, volunteers and *Foundation* board members, reviews the applications to determine which projects will be funded. This is no easy task, with nearly 30 applications to be reviewed and evaluated.

On April 4 we will celebrate our 2011 grantees at a reception at the Acqua Hotel in Mill Valley. The awarding of grants to these worthy organizations is the highlight of our year and the essence of what *To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation* is all about. This year we are thrilled to award a total of \$190,000 to 17 Bay Area nonprofit organizations, bringing the total granted since our inception to over \$3.3 million.

To attend this heartwarming event please [RSVP](#) by March 28. Space is limited.

[Read More](#) about the Bay Area non-profits who have received grants from *To Celebrate Life*.

Pictured below: Board President Chris Brettingen and Board member Willa Jefferson-Stokes chat with guests at the 2010 Grants Reception.

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Faces of the *Foundation*

This month we celebrate former board member **Julie Ballard**. Several years ago, a friend of Julie's, who happened to be a long-time *Foundation* volunteer, suggested she attend a volunteer kickoff meeting saying, "your energy would be good for the *Stepping Out* models." Little did Julie know that by attending that first meeting she would soon embark on a new adventure. She attended her first *Stepping Out To Celebrate Life* event in 2006 and was impressed with the energy and commitment of the volunteers who put on the gala. "It was one of the best fundraisers



I'd ever attended," says Julie.

Since then she has volunteered every year, serving on the *Stepping Out* Executive Committee in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Julie has been a committee lead on Program/Invitation, Live Auction and Raffle. In January 2010, she joined the *To Celebrate Life* board of directors, contributing her endless energy, creative ideas and analytical thinking to the group. Due to pressing family matters, she had to leave the board at the end of that year. "I truly enjoyed working with the other volunteers and board members because of their passion and dedication," says Julie. "I wanted to help them achieve their goals."

Celebrating on the Red Carpet - Academy Awards Party February 27 at 142 Throckmorton Theatre

Limos, red carpet, elegant gowns, movie-themed costumes...it was an all-star event, hosted by *To Celebrate Life* and The Harbor Point Charitable Foundation. Even "Marilyn Monroe" showed up on the arm of Ray Kaliski Sr., adding a special touch of glam to the evening. And, of course, the paparazzi were there to capture it all. More than 60 movie fans joined the celebration, sipping wine and champagne and dining on deliciousness prepared by Piazza D'Angelo.



Bob Kaliski, "Marilyn Monroe", Ray Kaliski Sr., and Linda Nelson



Shenna Moe, Mia Zambrano, Teresa Johnk and Loretta Conway, Executive Director of Youth Tennis Advantage, cheer for their faves.

View additional [Paparazzi photos](#)

Step up for *Stepping Out* - Volunteer Kickoff Meeting Wednesday, March 30

We're ramping up for the 16th annual *Stepping Out To Celebrate Life* to be held on October 1, and we need your skill and talent to make it a huge success. Please join us to find out about volunteer opportunities, and meet the new SOEC - Jen Barker, Jen Chou and Kathy Richards. Light snacks will be served. If you want to volunteer but can't attend the meeting please contact Jen Barker at jenbarkersoec@me.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

When: Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30 pm

Where: Hospice by the Bay, 17 East Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Larkspur
(turn into driveway before Marin Airpoter)

Tidbits

UCSF tests cooling cap to save hair from chemo Patients testing these scalp- cooling caps at UCSF retained all or most of their hair while undergoing chemotherapy. [Read More](#)

15 Years of Celebrating Life ...Spend 15 minutes telling someone about the [15 Ways](#) they can make a difference on this 15th anniversary year of *To Celebrate Life*.

