The Power of Partnerships

Facing the challenges of today’s economic climate, and an increasing demand for services, many nonprofits are collaborating with other like-minded organizations to help reach their fundraising goals. To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation and the Harbor Point Charitable Foundation were way ahead of this curve. In addition to being the Foundation’s major donor since 2005, Harbor Point has also been a valued working partner. The two Foundations leverage their respective audiences by publicizing each other’s events, sharing resources, and earlier this year, co-hosted an Academy Awards Viewing Party.

To Celebrate Life is also partnering with Youth Tennis Advantage on the upcoming Rally for Health and Hope tennis tournament. YTA serves youth in inner-city communities through tennis and academic programs.

Rally for Health and Hope

Tennis balls will be flying on Monday, May 23 when the much-anticipated Rally hits the courts. The action starts at 2:00 p.m. with a women’s round robin tournament and mixed doubles at the Harbor Point Tennis Club and other sites in southern Marin. The festivities continue at a cocktail reception at the Ferrari-Maserati of San Francisco showroom in Mill Valley where you’ll have a chance to bid in our exciting silent and live auctions, and get a close up look at the cars of your dreams.

We wish to acknowledge the following organizations that so graciously have donated facilities to help make Rally for Health and Hope a wonderful event!

- Harbor Point Tennis Club
- Bay Club Ross Valley Tennis & Swim
- Rafael Racquet Club
- Belvedere Tennis Club
- Scott Valley Swimming & Tennis Club
- The Marin Tennis Club
- Ferrari-Maserati of San Francisco in Mill Valley
Face of the Foundation

We’re pleased to honor Teri Dowling, Celebration Circle member and dedicated volunteer.

Like so many of our volunteers, Teri’s experience with the Foundation began when she modeled in Stepping Out To Celebrate Life. That was in 1998, and her involvement grew as she continued to volunteer in various roles from heading up the Stepping Out Live Auction to co-chairing the event.

Teri joined the board and served for five years, one year as president. "It was an honor," says Teri of her tenure. "I believe strongly in the concept of the organization and its focus on supporting women and men who have breast cancer, and that it’s Bay Area wide."

While serving on the board, and on the Grants Committee, Teri realized that she wanted to leave a legacy to the Foundation. "I decided to revise my will as I wanted to leave money to people and organizations that I love and value." That’s when she named To Celebrate Life as a recipient in her estate plan, making her a charter member of our Celebration Circle. "I really respect and value this organization, and I want to put my money behind that," says Teri. She encourages anyone who shares her passion for the Foundation’s mission to consider including a gift in their estate plan.

Click for information about the Celebration Circle or contact Executive Director Kathy Meyer at 415-455-5882.
Hospice By The Bay - Providing compassionate care to a family affected by breast cancer

A 48 year old Latina woman from Marin in the late stages of breast cancer lives with her elderly father who is confused and too frail to care for her. They have little income and, to complicate matters, she has a psychiatric diagnosis which precludes her from nursing home placement. A bilingual social worker from Hospice By The Bay, one of our 2011 grantees, is working with the family to apply for Medicare but they are wary of the forms and will not sign them. The Breast Cancer Care Fund is providing the necessary attendant care to keep the patient safe at home and help with medication needs until the Medicare application issue can be resolved.

Tidbits

The North Bay F.C. Wave of the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) is partnering with To Celebrate Life! ... Come watch the action on June 12th when top collegiate and elite high school soccer players - many with national or international experience - take to the field at Redwood High School against the women's professional soccer team, the Bay Area Breeze. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the Foundation. $7.00 Adults; $4.00 Children 6 and over; Free, Children under 6. Join the fun and support the Foundation at the same time! Game time 5 p.m. Purchase tickets at the at the field starting at 4 p.m. game day. Info/Directions

15 Years of Celebrating Life ...Why not dedicate 15 hours of your time to the Foundation? There are SO many ways you can help - from data entry to soliciting items for our event silent auctions. Visit Volunteer interests

The Million Meal Milestone ... For 18 years Meals of Marin, a 2011 Foundation grantee, has been cooking and delivering tasty, healthy homemade meals to people who are battling breast cancer and other life-threatening, critical illnesses. This year they delivered their millionth meal!

Breast cancer in the Bay Area ... a Community Profile by the Susan G.
Komen for the Cure provides a detailed overview of breast cancer in the San Francisco Bay Area.