



NO ONE should face breast cancer alone.

From The Board President



There is so much to relate to all of you, I hardly know where to begin.

Fund A Need for Direct and Emergency Services at Stepping Out reached a new high – many thanks to our attendees!

This year's **Sponsor A Model** program broke all records. Thirty models with the help of over 500 donors, raised over \$31,000. The program will continue to be active until the end of the year. These funds will go directly into the Grants Pool for 2015. Model Class 2014, you are an awesome bunch!

Fifteen local businesses participated in Breast Cancer Awareness Month, by holding their own community events to benefit To Celebrate Life – such generosity from our community!

Again this year **our volunteers** continued to amaze us with their generous spirit as they gave of their time and talents to create newer and better ways to raise funds for our vision . . . **No one should face breast cancer alone.** We have the very best volunteers!

And there is so much more – hundreds of little memories in our day-to-day existence that enrich the spirit of each of us and encourage us to continue the work of our mission as we support people facing breast cancer by funding nonprofit services.

To all of you who volunteer, donate in any amount and/or in kind, encourage others to join our team, we want you to know that we are truly grateful for your involvement with To Celebrate Life. Your generous spirit enables those people without adequate resources, to be helped on their perilous breast cancer journeys. Your generous spirit often ensures that after healing, they will have healthy and productive lives.

Your generous spirit shines throughout the Bay Area as someone is helped each and every day through our grant awards – each of you makes that possible!

With gratitude beyond measure,

— Jeanne Capurro, President
Board of Directors

SAVE THE DATE!

BLACK FRIDAY. CYBER MONDAY.

#GIVINGTUESDAY
DECEMBER 2, 2014

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Benefiting To Celebrate Life

Check our website regularly for **Community Events** and offers which benefit the Foundation.

To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation gratefully acknowledges our **Major Partners and Donors.**

To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation, raises funds to help people
RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.

Please **View** the many different ways you can be a part of our mission this year! We invite you to partner with us as a donor. **Donor Opportunities/Benefits**



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19th Annual STEPPING OUT – A Hot Night in Old Havana

Guests were treated to an electrifying evening of Cuban entertainment as Stepping Out To Celebrate Life presented its 19th annual gala, *A Hot Night in Old Havana*. Thirty joyful breast cancer survivor models along with physician escorts made their inspirational runway debut at the September 27th gala at Marin Center Exhibit Hall in San Rafael.

While sipping Crazy Cubans from the *Coco Loco Cocktail Lounge*, guests bid on getaways, wine, dining and jewelry at silent auction tables and gambled in the



Ay Caramba Casino. A gourmet dinner catered by McCall's was followed by a sizzling dance performance by Anna Gottreich's Island Dance Project. After bidding on fabulous live auction items, guests raised their paddles to generously support the Foundation's Fund A Need for emergency services. The party continued with dancing to the lively music of The Richard Olsen Orchestra.



Congratulations to Stepping Out Gala Chairs, Judie Belmont, Kathy Lemke and Virginia Mylenki, who with Julie Ballard, coordinated a spectacular event. Thank you to the many businesses and supporters who generously donated and underwrote event expenses. Finally, very special thanks to our many dedicated volunteers who donated thousands of hours this past year to make this amazing evening possible!



2014 Stepping Out Model sponsorships raise funds for emergency services

This year over 500 donors showed their love and support by sponsoring the 2014 models as they made their inspirational walk down the runway, raising nearly \$31,000! All proceeds support To Celebrate Life's Grants Fund which provides emergency and direct services to Bay Area women and men living with breast health issues. It's not too late to **honor a 2014 model**.



Thank you so much for such a wonderful opportunity! What a magical night that will be held in my heart forever. Being a part of something so special on so many levels was such a gift. And I am so honored to be a part of such a fantastic event! I am looking forward to volunteering next year!

Cezanne F.
2014 Model



THINK PINK. Community Events Support Foundation

To Celebrate Life is grateful for the many Bay Area businesses who held special events benefiting the Foundation during October Breast Cancer Awareness month. If you would like to hold a fundraising event or promotion and donate the proceeds to benefit To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation, please fill out the [ONLINE APPLICATION](#) or call 415-455-5882.

THANK YOU to these generous community supporters of the Foundation during October:

24 Hour Fitness Larkspur	Mill Valley Film Festival	Rafael Florist	USF Athletic Department
Bigham's One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning	Mister Sparky Electric	Sloat Garden Center	Wine Women and Song Produced by Harbor Point Charitable Foundation and Susan Zelinsky
Continental Jewelers	NAIL'd IT!	The Dailey Method	
Marin Roto-Rooter	Nissan Infiniti Marin	The Laser Center of Marin	
	Nothing Bundt Cakes	TOAST Novato	

Face of the Foundation – Lori Ling



Lori is what you might call a professional volunteer. She started donating her time and efforts when she was just nine years old and has worked with numerous organizations ever since.

But that all came to a screeching halt in 1998, when tragedy struck. She lost her father and her boyfriend within six months of each other. "My world collapsed,"

says Lori. "I retreated into myself, and then I got breast cancer."

That year she felt a lump but was told it wasn't cancer. Then, in 2010, she had her first mammogram and learned that she had a large tumor.

Paying it forward

In 2012, Lori modeled in Stepping Out To Celebrate Life. "Breast cancer was a kick in the head, but modeling was like a rebirth," she explains. "It brought me out of my shell."

The modeling experience reawakened her volunteer spirit. "I felt if it was strong enough to get me out of my funk, I wanted to be part of this great organization."

"You're always better when you give back," says Lori. "Volunteering gets you out of yourself into a different space, and that's the space I like to be in."

Wearing many volunteer hats

Lori is someone who sees a need and jumps on it. She worked on the model luncheon twice, and the model tea. She created the Sponsor a Model web pages for this year's Stepping Out and assisted with reservations at the event. She's also worked on Tee It Up twice, on year-round projects and at the event. "I'll work on anything they need me for," she says.

When the Communications Committee needed someone to help with the website, Lori raised her hand, even though she was not familiar with the program. She stepped up, learned it, and has been making updates, adding content and more. "It gives me a creative outlet."

The best part of volunteering? Lori loves feeling that she can be of some help. "I don't have a lot of money so being able to give time and talent feels good."

What would she say to others who may want to volunteer? "This is a fantastic organization, there is lots of opportunity, great people and a good cause. I also like that it's volunteer based...money isn't going to salaries...it goes to people who need it."

To Celebrate Life feels fortunate indeed to have Lori Ling on our team.

"You're always better when you give back."

How Your DOLLARS HELP

SUNFLOWER WELLNESS — a 2014 Grantee

Beyond Breast Cancer: Exercise Counseling for people with breast cancer in Marin County.

This October, **Sunflower Wellness** celebrates ten years of empowering people living with cancer to find strength and support through exercise. Bridging the gap between medical treatment and physical activity, Sunflower Wellness works with oncologists to bring exercise directly to patients.



Regan Fedric
Sunflower Wellness Program
Director and Co-Founder

“Our programs promote healing and a sense of well-being, while helping our clients gain control through their recovery process,” says Regan Fedric, Program Director and Co-Founder. “Sunflower Wellness understands every person is different and offers custom-tailored programs to meet their

needs,” she says. Infusing warmth into all its work, the San Francisco-based nonprofit is dedicated to bringing exercise programs and instruction to people living with cancer.

“We are honored to be partnered with To Celebrate Life and share your mission that no one should face breast

cancer alone,” says Regan. “Our community is powerful and supportive with over 12 weekly Sunflower Wellness exercise classes currently being offered in Marin County. By the end of 2014, we will have seen roughly 800 new clients and an estimated 50% will have breast cancer. We thank To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation and look forward to continuing our work together.”

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Help To Celebrate Life continue to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in someone’s life.

DONATE TODAY!

Make a Difference With a LASTING GIFT



Help ensure that future patients struggling with breast cancer receive the support they need.

Join our **Celebration Circle**. By including a planned gift to the Foundation as part of your estate plan, you’ll help ensure the continuation of To Celebrate Life’s work for years to come. You can also create a Legacy Fund honoring or in memory of a loved one. **Contact us** for further information.

You can help fulfill our vision that **no one should face breast cancer alone.**

Your donations enable our grantees to continue their work supporting Bay Area people struggling with breast cancer.

Tee It Up Golf Tournament

Golfers braved record heat and enjoyed a full day of fun starting with a "mixed" tournament at the 11th Annual Tee It Up,



2014 Tee It Up To Celebrate Life, Marin Country Club, Novato

June 9th. Following the tournament, players and non-golfing guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, buffet and silent auction.

Special thanks to the dedicated Tee It Up committee volunteers, led by Kathleen Kilkenny, and Marin Country Club. Event proceeds will help To Celebrate Life continue to fund direct and emergency services to people living with breast health concerns.



TIDBITS

Stepping Out Rides Local Transit



You may have spotted the bright Caribbean colors of this year's Stepping Out theme, "A Hot Night in Old Havana" on the sides and backs of Golden Gate buses during August and September. Stepping Out also 'rode' the Golden Gate ferry during August.



San Rafael Pacifics Play in Pink Dresses for Awareness



The San Rafael Pacifics made history on June 27th, all for a good cause. Remember the movie, "A League of Their Own"? Players showed their support for Breast Cancer Awareness by donning pink 1940's era replica custom uniforms like the women ballplayers in the movie.

To Celebrate Life volunteers joined the players on the field to sing the National Anthem and Yvonne Robinson threw out the first pitch.

The autographed special dresses were auctioned off to fans both online and at the ballpark with all proceeds benefiting The Foundation. [Watch the Channel 5 Story.](#)





Read Our 2013 Annual Report

Working Together – Supporting Those Who Need Our Help.

Read about what we accomplished with the collaborative efforts of our donors, volunteers, medical community and grantees. The annual report includes more information on our financials, grantees and fundraising events. You'll also read about some local people who have benefited directly from our grants.

#GIVING TUESDAY Tuesday, December 2, 2014



SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, December 2, 2014

and join people around the world to celebrate generosity and to GIVE.

BLACK FRIDAY... CYBER MONDAY... GIVING TUESDAY.

There's a day for giving thanks and two for getting deals. Now, there's #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back. It's a simple idea. Just find a way for your family, community, company or organization to come together to give something more. Then tell everyone you can about how you are giving. Be a part of this new tradition of generosity and giving!

Just Say YES! — Become a To Celebrate Life Volunteer

Volunteers are the core of our organization and we're always looking for people to join our Foundation family. Whatever your talent, skills and interests, there are so many opportunities and ways you can help make a difference. Volunteering is a lot of fun, and so rewarding!

Our WISH LIST

Do you have skills in these areas?

- Event planning/production
- Fundraising
- Auction/raffle soliciting
- Videography/video-editing
- General Foundation administrative
- Database skills
- Community relations
- Marketing communications
- Project management

READ more about how you can make a difference and **Just Say YES!**

Sign up by filling out our **Volunteer** form or email our **Volunteer Coordinator** for more information.



Volunteers (From left) Gail Womack, Sandy Truex, Patty Spinks and Jane Kraft at 2014 Stepping Out To Celebrate Life

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