



TO CELEBRATE LIFE™
BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION



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Who we are

- To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation is a Marin-based organization that raises funds for grants exclusively directed to Bay Area nonprofits that provide direct and emergency services and support to underserved women and men living with breast cancer.
- To Celebrate Life is fueled primarily by volunteers, most of whom are breast cancer thrivers themselves.

What we do

- **Our Mission** – Support people facing breast cancer by funding direct and emergency services.
- **Our Vision** – **No one should face breast cancer alone.™**
- **To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation** grants funding to nonprofit organizations in the 9 Bay Area counties that provide services and support to underserved breast cancer patients through our **Bay Area Breast Cancer Grants Program**.

Statistics

- Since 1996, To Celebrate Life has awarded **over \$7.2 million** in grant funding to **over 67** nonprofit organizations dedicated to assisting underserved communities and families who are confronting the challenges of breast cancer.
- In April 2025, To Celebrate Life awarded **\$240,000** to 14 Bay Area nonprofit organizations that provide direct and emergency services to breast cancer patients.
- Grants awarded in the 2024-25 cycle funded **6,586 services** (unduplicated) to **2,925 people** (unduplicated).
- As a result of diagnostic and navigation services funded in the 2024-25 grant cycle, **14 new breast cancer diagnoses** were made, enabling patients to begin life-saving treatment and healing.

How we help people living with breast cancer

- **Funds support multiple stages of care** for breast cancer patients and a broad range of services required from diagnosis through treatment and healing.
- **Services Funded by To Celebrate Life:**
 - **Emergency Services** – Financial assistance for housing, utilities, insurance co-pays, prescriptions, dental
 - **Direct Services** – Lymphedema garments, prosthetics, meals, grocery vouchers, transportation vouchers, support groups
 - **Navigational Services** – Translation, traversing the medical system, follow-up
 - **Diagnostic Testing Services** – Screening and diagnostic mammograms, diagnostic sonograms and ultrasounds, limited MRI's and stereotactic biopsies for surgical decision-making
 - **Complementary Holistic Therapies** – Holistic modalities, therapeutic massage, recovery fitness training, Guided Imagery, Jin Shin Jyutsu, nutrition consultation, acupuncture, manual lymph drainage

Stepping Out To Celebrate Life™

- **Stepping Out** gala is the heart of our annual fundraising efforts. An inspirational fashion show featuring local breast cancer thriver models is the highlight of our gala.
- **History** – In 1996, 10 women in a dance class for breast cancer thrivers, came together to raise funds to support nonprofits providing emergency and direct services for breast cancer patients.
- **1996** – On October 5, 1996, the first Stepping Out To Celebrate Life, a garden party for 250, raised \$42,000 and became our premier signature annual gala.
- **2024** – Our 29th annual Stepping Out gala, *New York, New York*, was held September 28th at Marin Center Exhibit Hall in San Rafael. The event, attended by 400 guests, raised over \$560,000 and included a Fund A Need, Live and Online Auction. The highlight of the spectacular evening was our signature inspirational fashion show featuring 29 local volunteer models thriving after breast cancer.

Ways to support the Foundation through our Stepping Out Gala

- **Sponsor** – Honor our efforts together over the past 30 years by becoming a **Stepping Out sponsor**.
- **Attend the 30th Anniversary Stepping Out Gala** – Celebrate life and see first-hand how we positively impact those in our community affected by breast cancer.
- **Volunteer** – We are always looking for **volunteers** to serve on our gala committees, doctor escorts and **models** to participate in our Stepping Out fashion show.



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