



TO CELEBRATE LIFE™
BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION



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Stepping Out To Celebrate Life™

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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.
- 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.
- 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.

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 To Celebrate Life** is the heart of our annual fundraising efforts. An inspirational fashion show featuring local breast cancer thriver models is the highlight of our signature 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 in their community.
- **1996** – The first Stepping Out To Celebrate Life, a fashion show fundraiser, was held in a Marin estate garden on October 5, 1996. The 250 guests raised \$42,000 and the event became our premier signature annual gala.
- **2025** – Our 30th Anniversary Stepping Out To Celebrate Life gala was held September 27th at Marin Center Exhibit Hall in San Rafael. The event, attended by 465 guests, raised \$645,000 and included a Fund A Need, Silent, Live and Online Auctions. The highlight of the spectacular evening was our signature inspirational fashion show featuring 28 local volunteer models thriving after breast cancer. A special poignant segment reunited Stepping Out alumni models from the past 30 years, including the Foundation's founders.

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 Stepping Out** – Celebrate life at the 31st Annual Stepping Out gala on Saturday, **October 3, 2026** 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, physician escorts and **models** to participate in our Stepping Out fashion show.



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