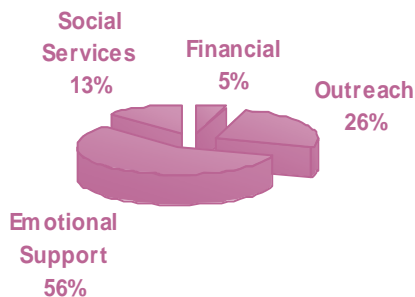


## 2003 MBCC Grants Awarded

The Marin Breast Cancer Council (MBCC) is delighted to announce the recipients of this year's grant awards. The incredible commitment and capability of the twenty (20) agencies that submitted proposals totaling \$475,000 made the competition this year particularly difficult. After careful considera-

### \$199,973 in Grants to Support Bay Area Organizations



tion by the MBCC Grants Committee, made up of community health leaders and MBCC executive board members, thirteen Bay Area non-profit organizations were awarded a total of \$199,973. The funds will be used to support women and their families in their journey with breast cancer and to continue to support underserved communities by providing education and screening services.

The thirteen non-profit organizations funded this year reflect the diversity of services and populations MBCC seeks to support. Over half of the organizations support the underserved and four focus on outreach and education specifically of the underserved. Four of the organizations support women in the Bay Area and nine primarily support Marin County women. Eleven of the organizations primarily focus on support of women undergoing treatment including eight organizations that provide emotional support (i.e. support groups) and three organizations that provide services (i.e. meals, transportation, wigs). Over 1000 women will be directly served by these remarkable and dedicated organizations during 2003.

Please see details about each of these organizations on the next page.....

## Cabaret Raises Spirits

Several hundred attendees shared a very special evening in March with a Cabaret of music written and accompanied by **Tim Di Pasqua**, a noted composer and playwright from New York. Combining his music with the vocal talents of sixteen local Cabaret and Pop performers, Di Pasqua's **Purpose of Love** captured the hopes and dreams of his audience.



*Tim Di Pasqua and Michael Levesque*

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## Plans Underway for September "Stepping Out 2003"

Our 8th Annual Fundraiser Fashion show, dinner and dance will be held the evening of Saturday, September 20, 2003 at the Marin Civic Center Exhibit Hall. This is always an inspirational event with an incredible show featuring 40 models who, survivors of Breast Cancer, demonstrate an amazing spirit and passion for life.

There will be a live and silent auction, raffle, celebrity escorts, and—back by popular demand—McCall's Catering and dancing to the music of Big Band Beat.

This year's event will be co-chaired by three past models, Susan Dotto '99, Terry Nevin '00, and Alice Tanner '01. If you would like to either model or help, it's guaranteed to be fun and rewarding. Please contact MBCC at 415 455-5882 or email us at [contactmbcc@aol.com](mailto:contactmbcc@aol.com).



*Chairs of Stepping Out 2003  
Alice Tanner, Terry Nevin, Susan Dotto*

## 2003 Grant Recipients

### American Cancer Society, Marin County

Provides women undergoing treatment for breast cancer with wigs and assistance with transportation to and from treatment.

### Casting for Recovery

Provides Marin and Bay Area breast cancer survivors the opportunity to experience physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through a weekend retreat.

### Catholic Charities – Marin Asian Advocacy Project

Provides linguistically and culturally sensitive breast cancer education programs and support services to low-income Southeast Asian, Chinese, Korean and Russian women, helping them to gain access to currently underutilized screening, diagnostic, and treatment resources in Marin County.

### Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic

Provides psychosocial support, financial assistance, advocacy, education workshops and activities for low-income women with breast cancer in conjunction with Complementary Alternative Medicine treatments.

### Commonweal

Provides full and partial scholarships for low-income Marin County women with breast cancer to attend a week-long residential support program for cancer patients at Commonweal in Bolinas.

### Hospice of Marin

Provides support services not covered by Medicare, Medi-Cal or private insurance, including physical and emotional care, to end-stage breast cancer patients and their families.

### Institute for Health and Healing At Marin General Hospital

This program of Marin General Hospital and Novato Community Hospital, addresses the psycho-spiritual needs of women with breast cancer through educational, inspirational, and supportive services. Particular programs funded: guided imagery, expressive arts, massage, and specially designed classes and



workshops.

### Marin Community Clinic

Provides breast screening and educational services to uninsured and underinsured women including those with limited English proficiency.

### Meals of Marin

Provides two daily life-enhancing, balanced and nutritional meals to women with breast cancer and their families. The large majority are underserved and underinsured women.

### Taking Refuge/Choices in Healing

Offers weekly yoga and meditation classes for women newly diagnosed and currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer; provides physical, emotional and spiritual support.

### The Marin B.R.E.A.S.T. Center – Marin General Hospital

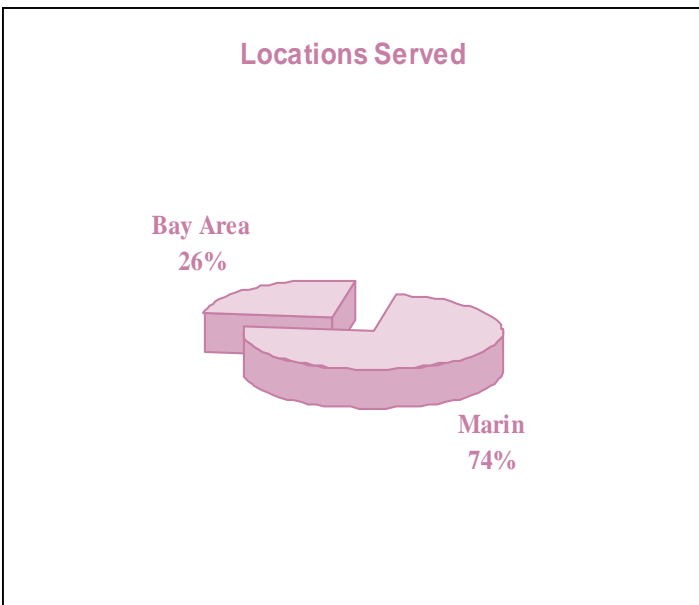
Provides a one-stop resource center for people with breast health or breast cancer concerns. Services include: an extensive resource library; a clearing house for information about breast cancer treatments, resources and events; outreach and screening services; collaboration with health care providers to serve the needs of breast cancer survivors; support groups, educational presentations, post-surgery information sessions and image enhancement; translation/mentoring services for non-English speaking women; patient mentoring.

### Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Inc.

Provides breast cancer education, early detection, and psychosocial support services to low income and medically indigent Latinas in Southern Alameda County.

### UCSF Cancer Resource Center

Provides supportive care services for women with breast cancer to promote healing and wellness by attending to their mental, emotional and physical needs. Areas funded: breast cancer support group; ductal carcinoma support group; complementary and alternative breast cancer support group.



## **Candlelight Ceremony ..... To Honor, to Remember**

Two hundred people joined together at St. Raphael's Church to honor and remember all those whose lives have been affected by breast cancer. Father Paul Rossi and Cantor David Margules led the multi-denominational candlelight service co-sponsored by Marin Breast Cancer Council and Marin Breast Cancer Watch.

As the lights dimmed and chimes rang, candles were lit remembering loved ones and honoring those who continue to battle breast cancer, caregivers, families and friends, bringing forth intentions of healing. Shannon McGowan and Christine Schadlich provided inspirational words. Spirits were lifted through the gifts of music from the Spanish Choir of St. Raphael's, the uplifting, hand clapping verses from the Lighthouse Singers, and the musical accompaniment of Helen Foster.

Special thanks to Vicky Otto for her guidance and the Church of St. Raphael's for giving us the opportunity to gather, honor and remember.

## **Role Reversal**

MBCC has been awarded a service grant from the Taproot Foundation, a volunteer organization that provides Bay Area nonprofits with professional service grants. Susan MacLeod, MBCC webmaster and 2002 Stepping Out Co-chair, will be working with a volunteer team from Taproot to assess our technology requirements and to select and implement an effective software solution that will help us address our growing data management needs. This grant and the project it enables are critical to MBCC evolving into a more efficient, effective and focused community-supporting organization.

Aaron Hurst, founder and president of Taproot states: "We can't imagine a better partner for starting our Service Grant program in Marin County. The Marin Breast Cancer Council plays such a critical role in the community and we are excited to work with them to enhance their technical infrastructure. This project will be the model for dozens of Service Grants that we plan to make in Marin in the next few years."

Further information about Taproot can be viewed at their website [www.Taprootfoundation.org](http://www.Taprootfoundation.org).

## **Breast Cancer Coordinating Council of Marin: Improving Effectiveness of Member Organizations**

In its continuing mission to reach out and collaborate within the community, Marin Breast Cancer Council funded a reception in the fall of 2002 honoring breast cancer survivors hosted by the Breast Cancer Coordinating Council of Marin. This countywide coordinating council was formed in 1999 and currently consists of representatives from approximately 20 community groups, health care organizations and

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## **Shining Star Award for Kathleen Clark**

Kathleen Clark, Executive Board President of MBCC, was recently honored by the Marin Breast Cancer Watch as a recipient of

"Honor Thy Healer" award. The Marin event recognizes professionals, partners and those who have played crucial roles as supporters and healers of women with breast cancer.

Kathleen received the Shining Star Award, a tribute to an individual who demon-

strates the greatest commitment to helping those with breast cancer. Following her diagnosis in 1995, Kathleen became involved with MBCC in 1996, chaired the 1999 "Stepping Out" event and currently serves as President of the Board for the 2002-03 term.

Kathleen has made a significant impact on the healing process of women facing breast cancer and breast cancer health issues through her leadership. Congratulations Kathleen for your commitment and leadership!



*Kathleen Clark*

## **Man to Man: Tenth Year for Men's Group**

Man to Man is a drop-in, dues-free group open to any male whose partner has or has had breast cancer. The breakfast group which is marking its tenth year in 2003, meets weekly at 7:15 a.m., Wednesdays, in Denny's Restaurant, Corte Madera.

Man to Man meets to exchange views, concerns and information. Although the members are apt to talk about and even laugh about virtually anything, their emphasis is on making newcomers and each other feel less isolated, uncertain, misunderstood or afraid. It has no facilitator, but the common interests of the group and respect for each other create a mutual bond.

The men provide an easy, compassionate and confidential forum in which each member can discuss the challenges of being a prime caregiver while coping with the stress and frustrations placed on each partner and their relationship. Man to Man is a non-judgmental environment that allows new attendees to learn from those who are or have been in similar places.

More information is available by calling Woody Weingarten at (415) 459-3434 or Marv Edelstein at (415) 457-4479.

## 12th year for Rally for the Cause

## Cabaret cont.

Mark your calendar for the twelfth annual **Rally for the Cause**. A one-day event, with a women's doubles/round robin tennis tournament, fashion show, gourmet luncheon, pro/am exhibition match and fabulous silent auction, will be held this year **at Marin Tennis Club, on Monday, Sept. 29, 2003**. Reservations for tennis and lunch, or lunch only, can be made by contacting Sue Ohlson @ 457-5304 or Judy Gilmore-Page @ 479-0900.

Rally for the Cause was first held in 1992 and raised \$7500 to benefit breast cancer education, research and patient services in Marin County. Over the past eleven years the tournament has continually gained momentum as a major charitable event, and in 2002 approximately \$70,000 was raised to help promote local breast cancer programs.

Always a sell-out, avoid disappointment and get your reservation early!

### Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendar

The **2003 Marin Open Studios** will be held **Saturday & Sunday, May 10 & 11** from 11AM - 5PM. Chris Devlin will donate 10% of her sales that weekend to MBCC. She is located at 57 Santa Maria Drive, Novato, 415-897-2523, artpsyche@aol.com.

**Stepping Out 2003** is on **Saturday, September 20th** at the Marin Civic Center Exhibit Hall. If you would like to attend, but have not received an invitation by August 15th, please call 415 455-5882 or download our reservation form from our website: [www.Marinbcc.org](http://www.Marinbcc.org). Please make your reservations early, for the event has sold out for the last several years.

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The artists graciously donated their talents to focus our attention, awareness and hearts to the ever-growing problem of breast cancer in Marin County. They delighted the audience with such songs as "What Do I Know," performed by Val Diamond and Teresa Tudury and Meg McKay of Beach Blanket Babylon; Wesla Whitfield soulfully performed, "The New World". Tim's beautiful song "Purpose of Love" sung by Michelle Jordan, asked the Universe to guide us toward love. These are but a sampling of the twenty four songs performed by the following incredibly talented artists: Val Diamond, Wesla Whitfield, Meg MacKay, James Campbell, Kathleen Antonia, Opie Bellas, Michael Levesque, Lisa Viggiano, Michelle Jordan, Scott Grinthal, Kelly Ground, James Iglehart, Teresa Tudury, Mark Farrell, Connie Champagne and Michael Leroy Brown.

Michael Levesque, playwright, actor and singer, approached MBCC and generously offered to donate his time and talents toward producing Purpose of Love. Originally performed in New York City as a benefit for AIDS, it fittingly echoes the essence of MBCC - to give love, understanding and support to others. Michael expresses a deep faith in the power of healing when two or more gather in focused thought, word and deed. He adds, "The inexhaustible talent of Tim Di Pasqua and the amazing gifts he has to offer constantly renews my faith in the power of giving. Adding to that the incredible talents of the entire cast, the commitment of MBCC, the volunteers and the donations has been nothing less than a miracle."

The Marin Breast Cancer Council is profoundly grateful to Tim Di Pasqua, Michael Levesque and all the talented artists. Miracles do happen!

## We Thank You for Your Support!

### Candlelight Ceremony

#### "In Kind"

Flavia Belli  
Helen Foster, Pianist  
Cantor David Margules of Rodef Shalom  
Marin Breast Cancer Watch  
Shannon McGowan  
Vicky Otto  
Father Paul Rossi and St. Raphael's Church  
Christine Schadlich  
Spanish Choir of St. Raphael's  
Helen Stevens and the Lighthouse Singers

### Cabaret

#### "In Kind"

Bonavita Coffee  
Freemark Abbey Winery  
Montecito Flowers  
Osher Jewish Community Center  
Bill Reid, President Mechanics Bank  
Bonnie Sauter  
Suzy Schuman (Republic of Tea)  
Kathryn Servino  
Cathy Tobin  
The ushers of the J.C.C.  
Whole Foods  
Wingard Candles

#### Performers

Kathleen Antonia  
Opie Bellas  
Michael Leroy Brown  
James Campbell  
Connie Champagne  
Val Diamond  
Tim Di Pasqua  
Mark Farrell  
Scott Grinthal  
Kelly Ground  
James Iglehart  
Michelle Jordan  
Michael Levesque  
Meg MacKay  
Teresa Tudury  
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Wesla Whitfield

## Marin Breast Cancer Council Donations

### Donations to Honor

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### 2003 MBCC Executive Board

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### Our Mission

- Raise funds for nonprofit organizations providing:
  - emotional, educational and non-medical support to women diagnosed with breast cancer
  - educational and screening services pertaining to breast health and breast cancer;
- Join together women diagnosed with breast cancer to participate in an emotionally uplifting and life-affirming experience
- Promote cooperation and support among local breast cancer organizations

### Donation

### Breast Cancer Coordinating Council...cont.

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government. The group meets every two months to share information regarding developments related to breast health, cancer services and resources in Marin County. Its mission is to support the right of all women to have access to compassionate, competent and accessible breast health care, as well as the right to a healthy environment in which to live /work.

Xania Robinson, (Breast Cancer Project Coordinator, County of Marin Department of Health and Human Services) "Our goal is to work together to improve the community's capacity to address the high incidence of breast cancer in Marin County. Over the next few months strategic planning will occur in order to focus the Council's activities and develop a work plan for the next year."

Gail Womack, MBCC executive board member, represents MBCC at the BCCC meetings. "It is exciting to see how our community groups are reaching out to each other. With the high rate of breast cancer in our county the partnership of our organizations can make a difference. Sharing resources and information makes each of our individual efforts more efficient."

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