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Happenings at Mautner: *October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

October 2, 2008

The Return of the Big Dance!

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February 14, 2009

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Your participation, whether it's sponsorship, auction donation, in-kind donation, or program advertisement, will help raise the funds to improve the health and well-being of all women who partner with women and their families through direct care services; the education of healthcare providers; community outreach and education; along with research, advocacy and activism. For more information, please contact Jeanie Adkins at jadkins@mautnerproject.org.

Mary-Helen Mautner

November 30, 1944-August 24, 1989

A Short Tribute by Susan Hester, Mautner Project Founder



This past August marked nineteen years since Mary-Helen Mautner died of breast cancer. Often now I meet people who know about the pioneering work of the Mautner Project. But they don't know about Mary-Helen. They don't know where the name of this organization comes from. It is a short story I like to tell.

Mary-Helen was in the hospital just three weeks before she died. I stayed with her most of the time. One day while she went for a bone scan I left the hospital to visit our daughter, who was

being cared for by our friends. When I returned to the hospital, Mary-Helen's face had an unusual glow. She told me that during the bone scan she realized how many lesbians in her situation would not have someone with them. They would be going through this all alone. And she had an idea of how to deal with that.

Mary-Helen had written a page of notes suggesting we form an organization modeled on the AIDS "buddy" programs. She wanted an organization to help lesbians with life-threatening illnesses. An organization that would provide support for lesbians who didn't have the support she had.

Mary-Helen was thinking of lesbians without friends and family who could take them to doctors' appointments and sit with them through treatment. She was thinking of lesbians who didn't have health insurance and couldn't be on their partner's policy. Lesbians whose partners weren't "out" and so couldn't take time off work to be with them. She was thinking of lesbians whose families of origin ignored their partners, and kept them out of the hospital room. Lesbians who were afraid to tell their physicians they needed their partner to be present when treatment alternatives were discussed.

The page of notes Mary-Helen wrote was a gift. It served as the catalyst for a group of people to create a "lesbian health agenda" and act on it.

Support Mautner

We've got some great opportunities to get involved!

Discounts at Kimpton

Hotels - especially for Mautner supporters! Get 10% off the best available rate by using the rate code "MUT," and Kimpton will donate \$10 per room per night to the Mautner Project! Check out their beautiful boutique hotels across the country [here](#).

Mautner at Lambda

Rising: Look out for the Mautner Project at Lambda Rising! Stop by and visit us to learn more about our programs, and Raffle for a Reason, on October 5, from noon-3 PM. Many thanks to [Lambda Rising](#).

Mary-Helen would certainly have resisted an organization being named for her. But she showed us by example that one woman can make a difference. The Mautner Project. Symbolically named for one, created by many, serving us all.

Autumn Glow

the official Big Love kickoff party



Friday, October 24, 2008, 7-9 PM

[TOWN Danceboutique](#)

2009 8th St. NW

Washington, DC 20009

Join us for our 19th Anniversary Gala Kickoff party and Raffle for a Reason drawing! Celebrate in style and learn more about how you can get involved in Big Love.

And don't forget - [it's not too late to buy your Raffle for a Reason tickets!](#) You could win a \$1,000 gift certificate to I. Gorman Jewelers, a weekend getaway featuring American Airlines plane tickets and two nights in a deluxe suite at a boutique Kimpton hotel, or \$10,000 cash. Buy your ticket today - call us at 202.332.5536 or visit our [website!](#)

In the Community

Gilda's Club of the Delaware Valley, PA presents **Lesbians With Breast Cancer: Creating Healthy Lives**, A Conference for Lesbians with Breast Cancer and their Support Network. Sunday, November 9, 2008, 9 AM - 3 PM, Holly Hedge Estates, New Hope, PA. Sponsored by Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Philadelphia. For more information, please call Kelly or Sandy at (215) 441-3290.

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The Mautner Project improves the health of lesbians, bisexual, and transgender women who partner with women, and their families, through advocacy, education, research, and direct service. We envision a healthcare system that is guided by social justice and responsive to the needs of all people.

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