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## Happenings at Mautner: *March is Women's History Month!*

**March 18, 2009**

### Stay Tuned!

We're going to be sending out a couple of special announcements soon - one regarding our newly improved volunteer program, and one with just a few of many fabulous photos from our Big Love Gala. Keep your eyes peeled to learn more about how you can be involved in the future!

### Breast Cancer Survivorship Studies

-Seeking lesbian, bisexual, and women who partner with women who had a breast cancer diagnosis between the years 2000 and 2005. Join our Healthy Survivor Study! A one-time telephone interview! We are seeking to understand the current physical and emotional health of survivors as well as sources of support. Please call or email today! 617-638-5913 or 877-414-1399 (toll-free) or email [women@bu.edu](mailto:women@bu.edu).

### From the White House to San Francisco: Travels with the Mautner Project



Mautner Project staff have been traversing the country of late (with help from our generous donors at American Airlines and Kimpton Hotels!). While much of our work takes place in our local community, other programs are truly national in scope. Here's just a brief glimpse at where we've been in the last few weeks:

On March 11, Executive Director Leslie Calman was among the invited guests at the White House's East Room to witness

President Obama sign an executive order establishing The President's Council on Women and Girls (see photo at left). It was an impressive gathering of cabinet officers, congressional representatives, a few celebrities - like Lisa Leslie and Dominique Dawes - and leaders of national women's and LGBT organizations. President Obama spoke about the need for action to end pay discrimination, improve child care and early education, improve health care, and enforce Title IX. "How remarkable to hear so many of the goals the women's movement has struggled for to be so warmly endorsed and 'owned' by the President of the United States in language he could have cribbed from us," said Leslie. "How wonderful, too, to have representatives there of lesbian, gay and transgender groups: the times they are indeed a'changing."

Days earlier, Leslie and four other members of Mautner Project's staff traveled to San Francisco for the three-day National Lesbian Health Summit; three of our staff served on the organizing committee for the conference, under the leadership of our colleagues at the Lesbian Health and Research Center housed at UC San Francisco. Leslie moderated the plenary session on the future of the lesbian health movement.

D Magrini traveled recently to Dallas for the Young Cancer Survivor's Conference, and then on to Plano, Texas to do a Removing the Barriers training for 40 health care providers.

And, in Portland, Oregon, Leslie gave a talk on "Removing Barriers to Lesbian, Bisexual Women's and Transgender Health" to about 60 attendees of the LGBTQ Meaningful Care Conference organized by the

Multnomah County Department of Public Health.

-You are invited to participate in research that examines the multiple factors that impact women's breast cancer survivorship processes, including one's sexual identity. The survey is available online, is entirely anonymous, and requires no additional participation. It takes approximately 20-30 minutes to complete, and can be found at <http://bcsurvivorship.susanford.com/>. This survey is being conducted by Jennifer Jabson, a PHD student at Oregon State University, and has been approved by their review board.

## Mautner's Official Florist, JLB Floral



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## Ready to Quit? We're Ready to Help - Last Chance This Session!



We are starting our next **Smoking Cessation Support Group** on Wednesday, March 18, from 6:30-8 p.m. Participants are welcome to join any time by the second meeting (Wednesday, March 25), so *if you're interested, sign up today!* Did you know that by participating in a support program like Mautner's, you can **double your chances** of success? We're offering a seven-week supportive group environment where you can

be proud about being out - and offering **free patches or lozenges for DC residents!** Call (202) 332-5536 or email [ssanford@mautnerproject.org](mailto:ssanford@mautnerproject.org) to sign up. You can also learn more about the group on our [website](#). (Plus, our groups are open to all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and our allies - so bring a friend!)

## Focus Group Participants Needed

The Mautner Project will be conducting tobacco use focus groups to gather the opinions of District of Columbia LGBTQ smokers. Mautner Project is currently seeking volunteers to participate in these tobacco-use focus groups. To be eligible, focus group participants must:

- be current or past smokers;
- be residents of the District of Columbia; and
- self-identify as L,G,B,T or Q.

Focus group participants will be compensated up to \$50. There are a limited number of focus group slots and eligibility must be determined. To find out more about this study, to check your eligibility, or to refer a friend please email [LGBTQTobaccoUse@witeckcombs.com](mailto:LGBTQTobaccoUse@witeckcombs.com) or call Sara Jaye Sanford at 202-332-5536.

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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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