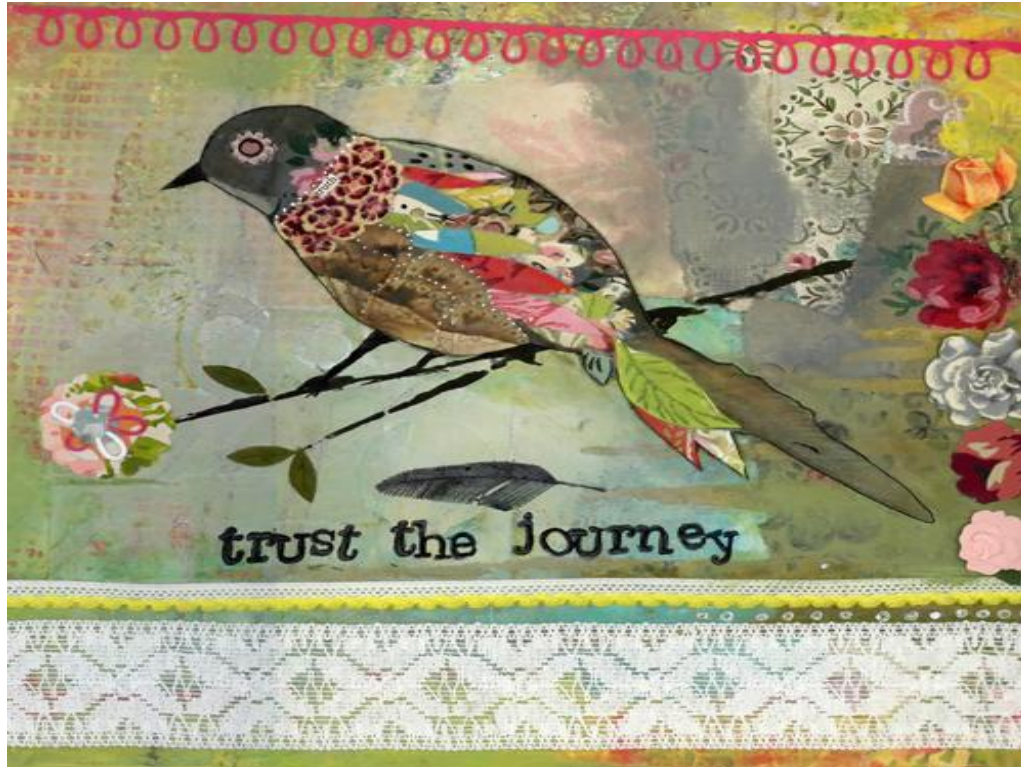


The Fabulous Women Send Good Wishes for 2013



By: Kelly Rae Roberts

The Fabulous Women are very proud of our first year as a non profit. While 2012 has not been easy for many people in our community, we choose to focus on the love, the kindness, and the positive lessons that the universe has sent us. Our community has suffered hard losses, and we have had to wrap our hearts around some very tough experiences. We have also shared some amazing moments. We love that our community has a way of peeling back the hard layers and creating positive memories too. That is who we are as an organization. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to **Petaluma Valley Athletic Club, Basin Street Properties, The Law Offices of Sandra Acevedo, Sharon Albertoni CPA, & Bergin Glass.** They have supported our mission to support local causes and promote strength and good health in our community.



The Fabulous Women are very proud to announce that we have raised over \$85,000 for wonderful causes and families in 2012.



We helped mother and son, Mary and Kurtis Ratto. With the unwavering support of his mother, Kurtis continues to rehabilitate from his brain injury.



We continue to rally for our twelve year old Petaluma friend, Cj Banaszek. Our donor drive was very successful. We were able to add about 800 new people to the national bone marrow registry and support the organization, "Be the Match."



After losing Petaluma teacher, mother and friend, Kim Baucom, our group was able to put a day together that addresses the difficult subject of domestic violence. We were able to educate the community about the local resources that are available. The funds raised from her event went to her children.



With the help of "Art is You", the Fabulous women were able to gift over a thousand dollars to the Petaluma Art Center. The funds are specifically for children involved with COTS, The Community on the Shelterless. This will allow them the opportunity to do art therapy.



As a result of losing Trevor Smith, our group put together an October Family Fest, "Angel in the Outfield." It was an opportunity to honor Trevor's life and celebrate his passion for baseball. The Fabulous Women raised money in Trevor's name for the Petaluma American Little League (PALL). We have established a scholarship fund in his name and we are collaborating with PALL to create a special dedication at the little league field. Trevor is our "Petaluma Angel." The dedication for his family will take place on Opening Day of the 2013 Little League Season.



Festival of Trees ~ Courtesy of John O'Hara and "The Argus"



As a result of community generosity and Christmas spirit, our group was also able to gift \$5,000 to Petaluma People Services, The Rwanda School Project, and The Boys and Girls Club. We are thankful to all of the local businesses that decorated a tree and offered a raffle item. We also appreciate the entertainment – Petaluma Pete, The Pacific Empire Chorus Group, James K, Suzanne's Dance School, Kevin Klemenok and the Kenilworth Band, and Jacki Yurth and Marj's Craft Class. As we gain more experience and knowledge, we expect this event to get better and better every year! In 2013, we plan on having a program to highlight our sponsors and the businesses that decorated a tree. If you are already thinking about your décor for next year's tree, please message our group at: thefabulouswomen@gmail.com – it's a unique way to market your business! Special thanks to **Bergin Glass** and **Friedman's** for helping us with the trees, **All American Printing** for their help with the posters, and **Petaluma Dental Group** for sponsoring The Snow Flake Sweet Shoppe. We are excited for 2013!



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As we get ready for a new year, it seems fitting to pause and reflect on just how precious life is. We feel this more than ever with the recent passing of Alyssa Byrne. We send love and prayers to her family. Nothing means more to all of us than the good health and safety of our loved ones. Now more than ever, there is a calling for us to be better people, live better lives, and ***"Give Something Back!"*** A simple act of kindness can mean everything for someone trying to find their way through a hard day, an injury, a sickness or a tragedy. We look forward to organizing some beautiful events in 2013. Please continue to check our website for details on events: www.thefabulouswomen.com. You may also get regular updates on Facebook. Just like "Petaluma Fabulous Women"! *Happy New Year Everyone, Krista Gawronski*