



## **Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation**

"Our mission is to grant wishes, including memory-making events, for metastatic breast cancer patients, while continuing to support, educate and increase resource awareness."

"We at Making Memories are dedicated to providing a spark of joy into the lives of women and men who are losing their battle against breast cancer. The tragedy of this illness is not merely the physical and emotional burden, but also the enormous financial strain it places on a family. When insurance benefits are exhausted and mounting medical expenses deplete bank accounts, there is often little or no money left for special memory-making moments, set apart from the everyday sadness and turmoil of "saying goodbye."

"It is the driving force of our Foundation to make a wish come true for these brave fighters. The wishes and memory-making events we bestow, allows the individual and their family the opportunity to put aside the realities of this illness, if only for a time, while basking in the joy of one another's presence. Our sincere desire is for every terminally ill breast cancer patient to pass from this world, comforted in the knowledge of having left one final beautiful memory for his or her family."

"The gracious endeavors of compassionate corporations, companies, organizations and individuals like you, make our wish granting trust possible. The programs, volunteer opportunities, and links of this website provide a great number of ways for you to make a difference in the lives of those diagnosed with terminal breast cancer."

"Donations from bridal shops or manufacturers wishing to make a donation when we are in your area may send an email to [mminfo@makingmemories.org](mailto:mminfo@makingmemories.org) or call 503-491-8091."

-Making Memories Website <http://makingmemories.org/>

### **Gowns may be sent to:**

#### **Gown Donations**

Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation  
4252 SE International Way Suite J  
Milwaukie, OR 97222

NOTE: This address is for shipping gown donations only, for information on dropping off or delivering a donation please call 503-491-8091.

503-491-1191 Fax

503-252-3955 Message Only



## **NATIONWIDE TOUR OF GOWNS**

*"FIND THE GOWN OF YOUR DREAMS AND MAKE A WISH COME TRUE"*

"Brides Against Breast Cancer™ gown sales continue to be important fund-raising events for Making Memories. Our more than 32 yearly shows provide brides-to-be with an opportunity to find their dream gown (at an incredible savings) while making wishes and dreams come true for women and men who are losing their fight against breast cancer."

"The worldwide support of designers, manufacturers, bridal shops and individuals (who donate a most treasured possession) make possible our Nationwide Tour of Gowns sales. The proceeds from these events help bring a moment of joy into world of someone for whom a cure is too late."

### **"Brides Against Breast Cancer™ - Nationwide Tour of Gowns"**

"This unique opportunity allows brides-to-be a chance to find the gown of their dreams at a remarkable price, while helping to make wishes and memory-making events come true. Most gown prices range from \$99 to \$799\*, including hundreds of beautiful new name brand and designer gowns valued up to \$8,000. \*Exclusive designer and couture gowns valued up to \$20,000 are also available at an incredible 25% to 75% savings. We gladly accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express and debit cards." **Note-** "More than half the gowns presented during each event are NEW designer gowns that arrived directly from designers, manufacturers and bridal retailers."

"Our Brides Against Breast Cancer™ program has received more than 50,000 wedding gown donations, with an estimated resale value of over 4 million dollars. This generous endowment is

due in part to Making Memories national media coverage, including magazine articles in Redbook, Family Circle, Woman's Day, Martha Stewart's Winter Wedding, Time, Philanthropy World and Modern Bride, along with appearances on, Oprah Winfrey, CNN, and MSNBC."

## How to Donate Your Gown

"How can you help make dreams come true? At this time, we are in need of contemporary gown styles, slips and veils dating from 2005 until the present day. Each gown that arrives at our organization is carefully prepared for our upcoming "Brides Against Breast Cancer™, Nationwide Tour of Gowns" sales. The thousands of generous donations we receive from designers, manufactures, bridal shops, and individuals worldwide, enable Making Memories to grant final wishes to women and men suffering from terminal breast cancer."

"Until recently, we have been able to accept gowns from all eras and in any condition, which we sell nationally and worldwide or produce into quilted artworks. However, due to our extensive inventory of vintage, antique and retro gowns, we recommend all generous potential classic era donors withhold their contributions until we have room to accommodate these prized garments. We anticipate posting an announcement on this website when we once again have the ability to manage these treasured gifts with the respect they deserve."



"Please ship your gown directly to our National Headquarters in Portland, Oregon."

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## Warehouse Processing and Gown Prep Donation

"Be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope inside the package and if possible, an additional \$40 gift to cover Warehouse Processing and Gown Prep. Although this amount may appear small, when multiplied by the thousands of dresses we receive it can exceed the cost of granting numerous wishes each year. Often gowns arrive requiring laundering or dry-cleaning and all garments must be steamed, priced, placed on racks, and transported to our "Tour of Gowns" events."

"Manufacturers and bridal shops along with individual contributors may drop off donations of new or previously cleaned wedding gowns during any "Brides Against Breast Cancer™" event where they will immediately find a position among the gowns on our sales racks. You may also send donations directly to the National Headquarters at the above address. All bridal shops and manufacturers wishing to make a donation, when we are in your area, may email [mminfo@makingmemories.org](mailto:mminfo@makingmemories.org) or call 503-491-8091, for additional information."

### **Important Information**

"Prepare your gown for shipping by removing your items from any drycleaners storage boxes and selecting a carton just large enough to accommodate your gown and accessories. Since, freight companies calculate shipping cost by weight and box dimensions, these simple steps will save you between \$12 and \$15 in unnecessary shipping expenses."

### **Tax Deductions**

"Your gift, including shipping cost, is tax-deductible. Although Making Memories strives to ensure our gracious donors receive a charitable receipt, many of our mailings return undeliverable. Two of the most common occurrences are the mail service label (i.e. Mailbox etc) obscuring the sender's information and our own incorrect deciphering of return addresses. Therefore, regardless of your chosen method of shipping, please include a clearly printed self-addressed stamped envelope INSIDE your package to ensure a tax-deductible receipt reaches you. Allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery."

"Please note: Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation™ does not place the value on your donation. We ask that you consult your tax professional to determine the ultimate price of your contribution. If your gift is worth less than \$250, a receipt is unnecessary to receive your federal income tax deduction. However, if your gown donation merits a value of \$250 or more, please retain the Making Memories receipt for preparing your federal income tax return. Once you have sent your gown, you may choose to download the donation receipt directly from [The Making Memories website: mminfo@makingmemories.org](http://The Making Memories website: mminfo@makingmemories.org)."

### **More ways you can help!**

#### **Volunteer at an Upcoming Event**

"Without the dedication of volunteers like you, Making Memories would be unable to accomplish our mission. Make this a fun and rewarding group activity. Invite your co-workers, club, family and friends to join you in supporting this worthy cause. You will experience the joy of assisting a new bride as she chooses her "dream gown" while meeting some of the nicest people!"

: "If you are a Bridal consultant, seamstress or cosmetic specialists (for example Avon, Mary Kay, Argonne) who would enjoy assisting brides in preparation for their "big day," we invite you to join our volunteers."

: "If you would like to volunteer during a Brides Against Breast Cancer™ event in a city near you, please visit our [calendar of events](#) then simply click on "Volunteer Registration." You may also send an email to [mminfo@makingmemories.org](mailto:mminfo@makingmemories.org) with "Volunteer (and your city and state)" in the subject line."

## Host a Pink Envelope Project Bridal Shower:



### Pink Envelope Bridal Shower



"To make your bridal shower more meaningful, we ask you to support the Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation by having a Pink Envelope Bridal Shower.

With your shower invitations, include our special Pink Donation Envelopes asking your guests to make a donation to Making Memories on behalf of your bridal shower."

"At your bridal shower, you will gather the sealed envelopes and send them directly to the Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation."

"We will feature your bridal shower on this website. At your bridal shower, please take pictures and we will post them on this site to show others the good that you are doing."

#### **Make a pink envelope donation on behalf of your Shower guests**

"Your donation of \$100 or more on behalf your bridal shower guests, or on behalf of a loved one, will help grant wishes to people who have been diagnosed with terminal breast cancer. Your memorable day will create lasting memories for others in a critical time of their lives."

"As soon as we receive your donation/order, we will send you a Pink Envelope Project member packet and the favor cards you requested."

"The beautifully designed favor cards explain the donation you have made and highlight the good that you have done. Pass these cards out at your shower or place them at your table settings for your guests to read."

"For more information, visit the Making Memories Website: [mminfo@makingmemories.org](mailto:mminfo@makingmemories.org)

[PEP link](#) [Pink Envelope Project](#)

