

9th Annual Sharon Miller Inspirational Award



TEENA MILLER

This year's Sharon Miller Inspirational Award winner has known all her life that she was destined for a life of serving others. Along the path in her life journey she has come upon challenges that have taught her many lessons. Lessons she has imparted to those who wish to engage and grow with her. She has learned to reach out, educate herself, be open to possibilities and to trust her intuitive voice. She has learned that

Laughter is as powerful as most drugs and believes in sharing giggles.

Laughter, comedies, a positive state of mind PLUS the love of family and friends got her through late Stage 3 breast cancer treatments, and down the road Stage 2 Melanoma skin cancer. She attended her first Relay For Life in August 2003, after completing her treatment. In 2016, she became a Hero of Hope for the American Cancer Society. A role she took on whole-heartedly and has shared her journey with cancer with many others as a face of HOPE. She has spoken at many Relay's and met a lot of wonderful people, other survivors and their supporters. She and her teams have raised thousands of dollars for Relay. She has enjoyed sharing Laughter Yoga with Relay participants for many years.

Teena's Vision and Values are to Bring Joy & Mirth wherever she travels because she knows it is not what she wore that day OR how much money she made, BUT how she left people feeling after meeting with her. It is a gift she gives to those in need and ready to receive – the JOY of self-worth and the ability to make their Dreams happen.

In 1998, Sharon Miller began her journey with the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life". Year after year, the growing success of the Vallejo Relay was because of her dedication and hard work in raising awareness of the American Cancer Society and bringing the community together for this wonderful event. Her always positive attitude gave us all the courage and ambition to make the Relay an on-going success. Sharon lost her fight with Stage 4 breast cancer after 16 ½ years, but her spirit and faith embrace all of us and encourage us to go forward and make a difference.