

TWO RIVER PEOPLE

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BLOOM AGAIN FOUNDATION AND LUNAFEST PARTNERED AT TWO RIVER THEATER



Bloom Again Foundation is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that supports economically vulnerable working women encountering medical challenges. The organization provides rapid response financial assistance for living essentials when economically challenged women must miss work due to medical issues. LunaFest, a traveling international short film festival was established in 2000 by Luna, the makers of the Whole Nutrition Bar for Women. LunaFest promotes women filmmakers, raises awareness for women's issues, and supports women's non-profit organizations. The Bloom Again/LunaFest event at the Two River Theater featured six short films about women, as well as a cocktail reception and silent auction, and dessert stations. Bloom Again board members include (from left): Sharon Smallwood, Nathalie Turner, Margaret O'Meara, Adrienne Supino and Christine Rieger, board chair.



Another group of Bloom Again board members: Deborah Byrne, Susan Dowden, Kelly Kachinski, Nancy Gravina and Maureen DeFelice.



From left: Danette Alderoty, Jake McCarthy, David and Janice Henderson, Debra Littleleson and Margaret O'Meara.

Stephy's Place of Red Bank is partnering with Bloom Again. Stephy's Place is a center for grief and loss offering free support groups for anyone experiencing loss. It opened its doors in Red Bank on Sept. 1, 2015 and they currently offers 10 support groups per week as well as other services, which are free of charge. From left: Kelly Kachinski and Christine Rieger of Bloom Again, with Pat Wotton, Elaine Chevalier, Patty Milano and Liz McNally, of Stephy's Place.



Adrienne Supino (left) is joined by her mom, Patricia Supino and friends Gilda Holzer and Lori Sadwith.



From left: Kelly Kachinski, Gina Gill, Kelli O'Brien and Jenny Baxter.



Andrew and Donna Erskine, Stu and Danette Alderoty, and Nancy and Tom Gravina enjoyed the pre-film reception at the Two River Theater.

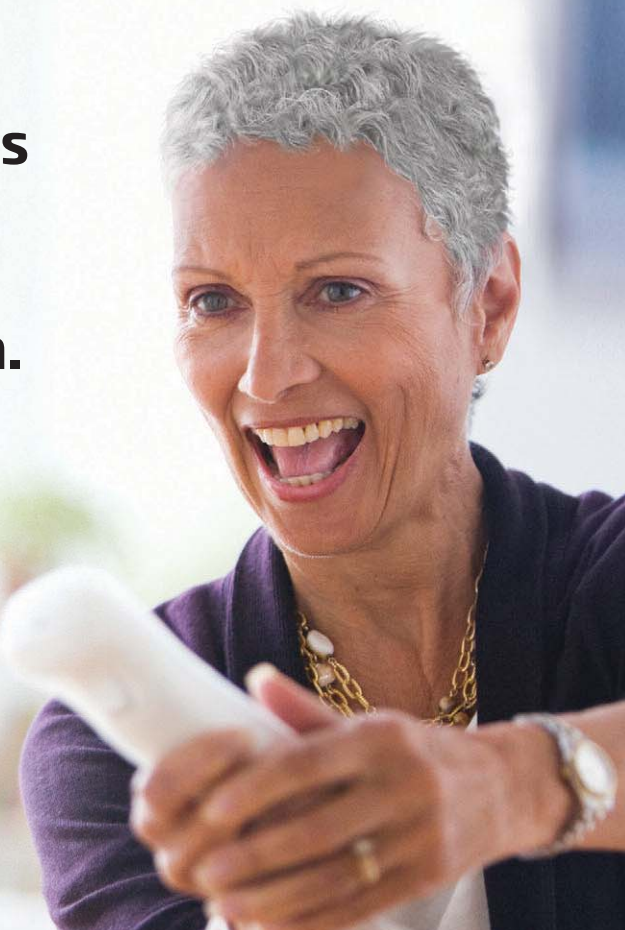


Event supporters (from left): Carol DeMurin, Scottie Dwyer and John and Sharon Smallwood.



Jessica (left) and Brian Hickey are pictured with Lisa White.

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