



## Fresno Chapter

The H.O.W. dinner honoring  
Kerrie Miller will be held at  
Campagna Restaurant  
1185 E. Champlain Dr., Fresno  
(559) 433-3300

Please make your reservation no later than  
Friday, October 15th and advise them you're  
attending the H.O.W. dinner.

Kerrie Miller was an incredible wife, mother, daughter and sister. She was also a cherished friend. I can't imagine anyone who would have a negative thing to say about her. Kerrie touched countless lives in the town of Kerman, where she grew up and lived until we lost her to Ovarian Cancer on August 25th, 2010.

Kerrie was officially diagnosed in July, 2010 with Stage 4 Ovarian Cancer. She valiantly fought this vicious and horrible disease, but many battles that came too fast for her to overcome took her from us in a few short weeks. Her steadfast faith and strong walk with God was beautifully inspirational. Kerrie assured her loved ones that she was wrapped in His arms and she went in peace.

Kerrie was completely devoted and present in all aspects of her life. She took an active role in her church and children's school and recreational interests, including her sons' (Cory, 17 and Matthew, 14) band and sports activities and her daughters' (Katie, 5) dancing. Kerrie loved cooking, scrapbooking and connecting with friends and loved ones via Facebook. She loved "Hello Kitty" and her Toy Poodles. Kerrie, the Queen of Bling, had a home-based business called "Dazzle Me Designs" and until her illness, it was experiencing rapid growth. There wasn't anything she couldn't or wouldn't glue rhinestones to, and sparkle she did!

The day of Kerrie's funeral, one of her many friends, Diane, approached me. While we were discussing the idea of gathering friends to honor Kerrie, Diane told me she had recently heard of the H.O.W. organization and was planning to nominate Kerrie and her family. But Kerrie passed away so quickly, there wasn't an opportunity to nominate her while she was alive. Diane and I nominated Kerrie at September's H.O.W. dinner, and did so to help her family cope with the countless needs to be met due to their loss. Kerrie's husband Todd and their children truly appreciate this gift; it will be thoughtfully used.

- Sherry Walls

## H. O. W. Motto:

One woman with \$10.<sup>00</sup> can buy another woman lunch.  
Ten women with \$10.<sup>00</sup> can buy another woman's groceries  
One hundred women with \$10.<sup>00</sup> can make a real difference  
in another woman's life.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Fresno Chapter of the H.O.W. Dinner has expanded  
to TWO recipients and TWO locations!

Both dinners will take place on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

The H.O.W. dinner honoring  
Tom McCann will be held at  
Bella Pasta II Restaurant  
7033 N. Cedar Av., Fresno  
(559) 325-5525

Please make your reservation no later than  
Friday, October 15th and advise them you're  
attending the H.O.W. dinner.

My son Tom, age 47, the oldest of three boys, is enduring a fierce battle. He became sick in May of this year with what he thought was the flu; however he eventually turned yellow from jaundice. Tom's doctor initially diagnosed him with Hepatitis and advised that he needed to rest for optimal recovery. As Tom's health continued to deteriorate, his wife Brenda, realizing that he had lost over 30 pounds, took him to the emergency room. In July, Tom was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. On July 17th, he underwent a lengthy surgery. Three days later he began bleeding internally, initiating a three week stay. Since his diagnosis, Tom has dropped from 247 to 171 pounds and he must still undergo chemotherapy. Tom recently underwent a PET Scan and his doctor discovered new spots on his liver. A biopsy is scheduled for October 6th; then we pray and wait yet again for test results.

Tom lost his job earlier this year. Brenda was also laid off from her State job; thus they've had no income. Tom and Brenda have four beautiful daughters, Brandy (24), Tabitha (16), Torilee (10) and Bekah (8). Because of their job losses and mounting medical bills, they've fallen behind in monthly expenses. A positive: they recently qualified for Food Stamps and Social Security income for some basic assistance, and Brenda was hired for a new position a few weeks ago. The family has struggled deeply this past year, but since Tom's illness, their trials have multiplied drastically. Tom is very strong in his faith and he often tells me, "Mom, you and everyone else have nothing to worry about; God has already healed me and I know that the biopsy will show nothing." He has the most positive attitude of anyone I know, and is so good and caring, worrying more about others than himself.

Thank you for making Tom October's recipient. I'm honored to be a part of H.O.W. It is a fabulous organization and I love what you've done for the recipients. The McCann family is so very grateful for all your prayers, love, and support!

-Lynda & Houston Martin and family

PLEASE FORWARD THIS INVITATION  
AND NEWSLETTER TO THE MANY  
WOMEN YOU KNOW WHO WOULD  
LOVE TO HELP ONE WOMAN!

**PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE  
FOR DETAILS TO SOON BE  
ANNOUNCED REGARDING THE  
UPCOMING FASHION SHOW BENEFIT  
FOR H.O.W., SPONSORED BY  
KHLOE AND STELLA LAGUNA  
BEACH, LOCATED IN THE  
VILLAGIO SHOPPING CENTER.**

**Recipients of H.O.W. contributions  
are always a woman or member of a  
woman's family who is going through  
a time of irreplaceable loss, or  
who has been through a period  
of irreplaceable loss within  
the past 12 months.**

**The recipient is randomly  
selected from nominations offered  
by attendees at the previous  
month's H.O.W. dinner.  
Irreplaceable loss is defined  
as a catastrophic loss which  
cannot be recovered.**



"Occasionally in life there are those moments of unutterable fulfillment which cannot be completely explained by those symbols called words. Their meanings can only be articulated by the inaudible language of the heart."  
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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**Due to a growing interest among the  
children of our participants to HELP  
OTHER PEOPLE, we're excited to  
announce that a children's chapter is  
under organization!**

**We'll be posting upcoming details on our  
website, [www.helpingonewoman.com](http://www.helpingonewoman.com).**