

DEBRA RITZ MASON
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To Making Memories

Dear Fran and Anna,

It has been a year since I have known of "Making Memories". In this short time, I have gotten to know some of the people involved in this foundation and seen first hand the powerful influence Making Memories has had in the lives of so many. Not only does the foundation grant wishes to terminal breast cancer victims, but it also works with the friends and families of these victims as well as the hundreds of women who purchase fantasy wedding gowns well below retail price.

Few outsiders understand what a full time commitment running a charity can be. I can certainly appreciate all of the efforts you have put into your plan to help with this crushing disease. Your passion and belief in life has given meaning to the lives of so many. Never forget this.

As a breast cancer survivor it is difficult to know what will happen next in my life. I go through the various processes and hope for the best. It is very hard being a single middle aged woman with no husband or family around to support me through this time. Stepping into my life and helping me fulfill the desire to attend the Maui Writer's Conference helped me to achieve the goal I had set for this year. You do not know what it means to me that you cared enough for me as a person to step in as a surrogate family.

Throughout my operations, chemotherapy and radiation, I have had periods where I was not well enough to do anything except write. I have been working on several inspirational books for women, and by attending the conference, I found an agent for my book. THANK YOU, Making Memories for this great gift! I pray that through my work I will be able to affect the lives of many women the way that you have. Thank you for being the caring family that we all need.

With Gracious Sincerity,

Debra Ritz Mason

