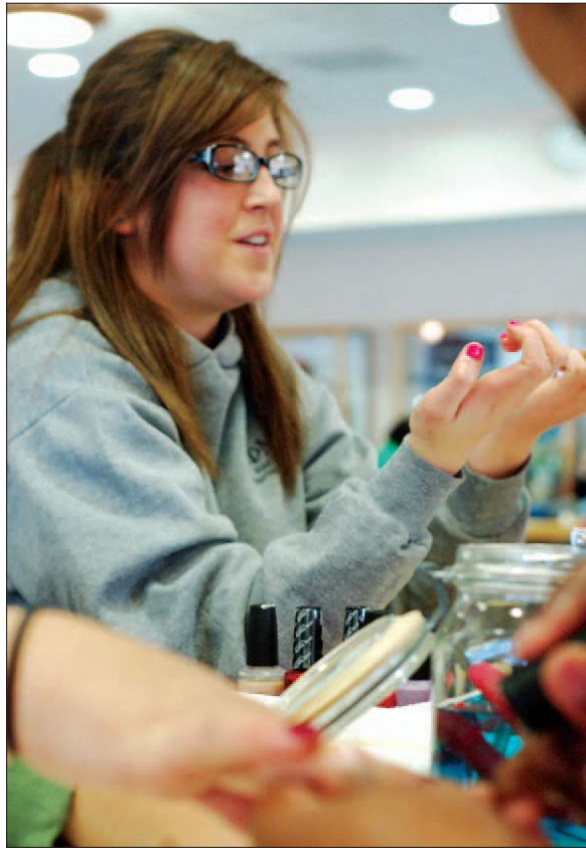


Union houses nail salon for a cause



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Sophomore Mandi Bustard gets a manicure Monday in the Potomac Lounge during a fund-raiser to fight breast cancer.

Groups host manicures, massages and yoga for breast cancer fund-raiser

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The Potomac Lounge served as a temporary nail salon for the "Manicures for the Cure" event on Monday.

Manicures for \$5 and \$7, massages, raffles and free yoga were all available for students. There were about 15 student-volunteers, three manicurists, one massage therapist and two volunteers leading yoga who helped with the event. The activities allowed students to support the fight against breast cancer while getting pampered at the same time. The event, organized by Achot and Hillel, raised \$566.

"I don't get my nails done often and the money is going to a good cause," senior communication studies major Dara Winstein, said.

One hundred percent of the donations went to Sharsheret, a non-profit organization helping young Jewish women with breast cancer. Sharsheret, which in Hebrew means "chain," connects young women together to fight and support each other when battling breast cancer.

More than 120 students attended the event, which was the first "Manicures for the Cure" hosted on Towson's campus. Alison Levine, director of engagements for Hillel,

said they are using these events to reach out to other students. So far there are 40 members in Achot, a subgroup of Hillel.

"We just want to put our name out there and raise awareness for breast cancer," Levine said. "Our goal is to eventually become a Jewish sorority on campus."

Towson University Goes Pink also raised funds to support breast cancer at the event. They sold a variety of items including TU Goes Pink T-shirts, bracelets, lip-gloss and pink ribbon magnets. The \$150 raised will go to City of Hope, an institution for research, treatment and education, is dedicated to supporting those with cancer and other illnesses.

Janna Zuckerman, president of TU Goes Pink and member of Achot, said City of Hope donates to their group to help with fundraisers that will raise awareness for breast cancer. They plan on collaborating with Hillel for similar events in the future.

"The reason we worked with TU Goes Pink is because the philanthropy organizations are similar, [like] breast cancer support, and because many of the involved girls are a part of both organizations," Levine said.

Zuckerman said they are hoping to have a big event at the end of this semester.

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