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### Clarification on Our Affiliate's Relationship to Komen National

Given recent news coverage regarding the national office of Susan G. Komen, I want to clarify our Affiliate's structure as it relates to Komen National. I want you to understand these issues, and be able to address questions and comments from others.

Like all Komen Affiliates, we are a separately incorporated non-profit entity with our own governing Board of Directors, staff, program priorities, advocacy priorities and grant-making process. As CEO, I report to this Affiliate's Board of Directors, and together we develop and oversee our strategic plan and annual budget. We fund our own programs and operations, as Komen National funds its programs and operations. **Funds raised in Oregon and SW Washington do not pay for the operating expenses of Komen National.**

In order to have a more substantive impact in the complicated and expensive area of research, every Affiliate pools 25% of its net unrestricted revenue in a national research fund. While Komen National administers that research pool, 100% of those funds are invested domestically and internationally, including over \$11 million awarded thus far in Oregon. 75% of money we raise funds programs and services across Oregon and SW Washington – more than \$14 million to date.

Komen Affiliates interact with Komen National through an Affiliate Agreement. This Agreement outlines our respective duties, roles and responsibilities by which we agree to operate. This type of arrangement - where independent entities which share a brand come together to conduct some business collectively - is known as a "federated" model in the non-profit sector.

If you have questions or need more information about Komen's organizational structure, please contact us at 1-800-404-8241 or [info@komenoregon.org](mailto:info@komenoregon.org).

Thomas Bruner  
Chief Executive Officer  
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The key to survival is early detection.