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Local Komen Affiliate awards more than \$2 million in grants for life-saving services
Grants will save local lives, increase awareness, remove barriers to care and fund critical research

April 13, 2012, Portland, OR - The Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure announced today that it will award \$2,018,260 million to further Komen's mission of saving local lives and ending breast cancer forever.

"These grants will help save local lives through early detection and improve the quality of life for survivors," says Christine M. McDonald, Affiliate Chief Executive Officer. "We're directing hundreds of thousands of dollars to support local low income women and pooling research dollars aimed at addressing the most difficult questions about breast cancer that remain. Our local sponsors and donors are making a difference."

- **Supporting low-income women:** Komen Oregon will direct \$565,000 toward screening services in partnership with the States of Oregon and Washington to help serve nearly 10,000 low-income, uninsured women throughout Oregon and three counties in SW Washington. These screening services will fund women's health exams, mammography and diagnostic services. If an eligible woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, she is admitted to the Medicaid program for free treatment services.
- **Saving local lives:** Local leaders will distribute \$436,360 to Community Grant partners to create and sustain breast health programs that save lives through **education and outreach**, or provide **breast cancer support services**. These community partnerships help ensure that all women, despite geographic, cultural and financial barriers, have access to breast health services. Nearly 15,000 individuals will be reached through Komen Oregon Community Grants.
- **Raising public awareness:** The Affiliate will award \$120,000 to fuel **breast health education** through the Affiliate's Regional Grant Program, SCREEN (Screening and Regional Education Network), in the Mid-Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon Regions. These programs will help increase the percentage of women who obtain screening services for breast and cervical cancer, reaching 5,000 women.
- **Removing barriers:** The grants will provide \$113,000 in **rural transportation support** to nearly 600 women. Komen's Rural Transportation Program addresses geographic barriers that prevent some women from obtaining screening and treatment services. Financial assistance for gas, food and lodging while in treatment is a critical need for some women living in rural areas of Oregon and SW Washington.
- **Research to end breast cancer forever:** Komen Oregon will pool \$688,000 locally raised dollars with other Komen Affiliates nationwide to fund breast cancer research targeted at the most difficult questions that remain. As the global leader in the fight against breast cancer, Komen funds research in 18 different countries to understand

differences in breast cancer biology and translate these findings into new prevention and treatment approaches. Komen has been involved in every major advance in breast cancer research since 1982.

“The partnership between Komen Oregon and the Oregon Public Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) increases access to life saving breast cancer screening services for low-income women in Oregon. Support provided by Komen will make it possible for the BCCP to screen many more women in the coming year, says Wendy Dillon of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.

For more information on Komen Oregon’s community grant partnerships, please visit http://www.komenoregon.org/Programs_Grants/.

About the Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure

The Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure—along with those who generously support us with their talent, time and resources—is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in our community. We join more than two million breast cancer survivors and activists around the globe as part of the world’s largest and most progressive grassroots network fighting breast cancer. Since the Affiliate’s inception in 1991, Komen Oregon has invested over \$20 million in the local community to fund screening services, breast health education, rural transportation assistance and survivor support. Join our promise by calling 503-552-9160 or visiting us online at www.komenoregon.org.

About Susan G. Komen for the Cure

About Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement. Today, Komen for the Cure is the world’s largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. Thanks to events like the Komen Race for the Cure® and the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure®, we have invested more than \$1.9 billion to fulfill our promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world. For more information about Susan G. Komen for the Cure, breast health or breast cancer, visit komen.org or call 1-877 GO KOMEN.

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