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PROVIDENCE CANCER CENTER NAMES RESEARCH LAB FOR SUSAN G. KOMEN

Total Komen Support Surpasses \$1.2 Million

January 29, 2014 (Portland, Oregon) – Providence Cancer Center and Susan G. Komen will celebrate a mutual dedication to research when Providence names a research lab for Susan G. Komen. The naming is in recognition of almost \$1.1 million in Komen grants to Providence researchers and more than \$160,000 in support of breast cancer screening and education. These grants to Providence were made possible by Komen’s donors and funders.

Thomas Bruner, CEO of Komen Oregon/SW Washington, states “With ten women and men dying from breast cancer each week in Oregon, the need to find the cures is urgent. Providence researchers are working on some of the most complex issues in the pursuit of breast cancer cures and treatment. We are proud to be among their partners and donors.”

In addition to research, Komen funds have supported breast cancer screening, culturally-specific outreach to Latinas and Vietnamese Americans, and staff training on lymphedema treatment.

Komen is the largest non-governmental funder of breast cancer research in the world, with more than \$800 million invested so far, including \$11.3 million to researchers at Providence and OHSU Knight Cancer Center. Across Oregon and SW Washington, Komen has donated more than \$29 million to research, early detection, survivor support and advocacy.

Komen is the leader in spreading breast cancer awareness throughout the world. Due largely to that leadership, breast cancer deaths have plummeted 33% since 1990, and 5-year survival rates when breast cancer is detected early have increased from 72% in 1982 to 99% today.

Providence will hold a naming celebration for Komen and Providence supporters on February 6, 2014. Dave Underriner, CEO of Providence-Oregon, and a member of Komen’s advisory board, and Walter Urba, M.D., Ph.D., Director of Research, will host the celebration.

A summary of Komen’s financial support of Providence’s breast cancer work is below.

Komen Research Grants to Providence:		
Year	Investigator	Amount
2012	Keith Bahjat	\$450,000
2011	Michael J Gough	\$449,888
2009	Hong-Ming Hu, Yuhuan Li	\$180,000
		Subtotal: \$1,079,888
Komen Non-Research Grants to Providence:		
Year	Project Title	Amount
2013	Next Steps Against Breast Cancer – survivor support group	\$2,000
2012	Community Screening Event - transportation & childcare	\$2,000
2011	Staff Training on Lymphedema Treatment - Seaside	\$2,000
2010	Staff Training on Lymphedema Treatment - St Vincent	\$2,000
2009	Staff Training on Lymphedema Treatment - Portland	\$2,000
2008	Vietnamese-American Volunteer Health Educator Program	\$16,176
2008	Building Bridges – education class for Latinas	\$2,500
2007	Vietnamese-American Volunteer Health Educator Program	\$40,000
2002	Development of Integrative Medicine Program – St Vincent	\$40,000
1999	Breast Cancer Screenings	\$15,000
1998	Breast Cancer Screenings	\$19,893
1996	Community Education and Outreach	\$7,000
1995	Breast Cancer Issues Conference	\$5,000
1992	Breast Cancer Screenings	\$5,173
		Subtotal: \$160,742
		Total: \$1,240,630

About Susan G. Komen®

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Suzy, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer. Today, Susan G. Komen® works to end breast cancer in the U.S. and throughout the world by investing more than \$800 million in breast cancer research and \$1.5 billion in community outreach programs; providing funding to help low-income and uninsured women get screened and get treatment; advocating for cancer research and outreach programs; and working globally in more than 30 countries. Visit komen.org to learn more.

About Susan G. Komen® Oregon and SW Washington

Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington is working to save lives and end breast cancer forever. 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. Komen has invested almost \$29 million in Oregon and SW Washington to fund research, early detection, survivor support and advocacy. Join our promise by calling 503-552-9160 or visiting us online at komenoregon.org.

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