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Distinguished Healthcare Leader Joins Komen's Fight to Save Lives

Margaret Allee Named Director of Programs

April 23, 2014 (Portland, OR) - Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington, the region's largest breast cancer charity, today announced that healthcare leader Margaret Allee will direct its programmatic efforts to save lives and end breast cancer forever across the region. Allee will become Director of Programs on April 28, 2014.

Allee's appointment is aligned with Komen's resolve to increase its impact by enhancing innovation, focusing on measurable results, and advocating for a more robust response to breast cancer region wide. Despite significant progress in recent years, the needs around breast cancer remain great. Every week in Oregon and SW Washington, 71 women and men are diagnosed with breast cancer, and 10 die.

"Margaret Allee is the right leader with the right skills at the right time for Komen," said Thomas Bruner, CEO of Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington. "Her intellect, experience and heart will help us to become even stronger, smarter and more effective at what we do."

Allee is a nurse, attorney, ethicist, educator, and published author with extensive experience in healthcare, law and the insurance industry. She has held positions in direct patient care, management and administration – serving in healthcare leadership positions for Legacy Health System, Oregon Health & Science University and Providence Health and Services.

Allee has a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from Chamberlain College of Nursing, is an attorney with a Juris Doctorate (JD) from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College, and holds a Master of Science (MS) in Business Management from Marylhurst University.

Allee is also an ethicist with an extensive background in organizational consulting, and is an Adjunct Professor at Concordia University, Marylhurst University and DeVry University, and an Instructor at Clackamas Community College. Her numerous volunteer roles include having served as Board President of the Kidney Foundation of Oregon and Washington.

At Komen, Allee will lead all aspects of Komen's programming, including: educating the public about breast cancer, reducing risk of the disease, detecting breast cancer in its earliest stages, supporting survivors through treatment and beyond, and fueling scientists and researchers to find the cures.

About Susan G. Komen

Susan G. Komen is the world's largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. Since its founding in 1982, Komen has funded more than \$800 million in research and provided \$1.7 billion in funding to screening, education, treatment and psychosocial support programs serving millions of people in more than 30 countries worldwide. Visit komen.org or call 1-877 GO KOMEN. Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter.

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 \$30 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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