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RENOWNED WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVOCATES TO SPEAK AT RACE FOR THE CURE TOMORROW

Longtime women's health advocates Secretary of State Kate Brown, Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici and Representative Jen Williamson will speak at the Komen Portland Race for the Cure tomorrow in support of Komen's mission to save lives and end breast cancer forever.

Secretary Brown is well-known as a leader who goes above and beyond in advocating for women's health care issues, working hard for more than 20 years to protect access to health care for all women, even in the toughest of economic times.

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici has built a strong record of making women's health care more accessible. Bonamici first entered the Oregon State Legislature as a Representative in 2006 and as a Senator in 2008. She was elected to Assistant Majority Leader in the Oregon State Senate in 2011.

Jennifer Williamson, representative of House District 36, is also celebrated for her work in the community as a strong leader for women's health and access to health care services.

Tomorrow Komen Oregon celebrates the 21st annual Komen Portland Race for the Cure at Tom McCall Waterfront Park on Sunday, September 16th. This event is Komen Oregon's largest annual fundraising event, raising significant funds and awareness for the breast cancer movement. It's a time to celebrate survivors and their families while working toward the promise of ending breast cancer forever.

All three women will speak to the 25,000+ person crowd in support of Komen's work removing barriers to care, providing critical care and free screening for uninsured women, and support to all those touched by breast cancer.

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

For the past twenty years, Komen Oregon has provided tens of thousands of low-income women access to critical breast cancer screening and treatment. Our 360-degree approach is making a difference, with breast cancer mortality rates down and five-year survival rates up. We save lives and provide critical care to low-income women. We remove barriers – through education, transportation and screening – and provide support services from the moment a woman picks up the phone. We provide:

- Screening for low-income women: The collaboration between Komen Oregon and the state of Oregon provides about 8,000 mammograms a year in Oregon alone, the largest screening resource for uninsured and underinsured women in the state.
- Removal of barriers: Komen Oregon provides women and their families – especially in rural areas – access to transportation so that patients have access to treatment. We fund patient navigator to assist women and their families from the moment they pick up the phone.
- Providing critical local care: Seventy-five percent of Komen Oregon dollars stay local to support low-income women with life-saving resources. For the past 20 years, Komen Oregon has directed more than \$20 million toward breast cancer screening, education, transportation and survivor support.
- Investing in cutting-edge research: 25% of donated funds are pooled with other Komen Affiliates to fund global breast cancer research. Komen has invested more than \$685 million in cutting-edge breast cancer research. Researchers at OHSU and Providence Cancer Center are part of a global network focused on aggressively addressing the most difficult questions that remain. Every major advance in global breast cancer research in the last quarter century has been touched by Komen for the Cure dollars. Local researchers at OHSU and Providence Cancer Center are part of Komen's global network of researchers working to end breast cancer forever.

To learn more please visit www.komenoregon.org or contact us at 503.552.9160.

About Portland Race for the Cure

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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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