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**KOMEN AWARDS \$450,000 TO PROVIDENCE CANCER CENTER
 FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH
 Total Research Investment in Oregon Now Approaching \$4 Million**

December 5, 2012 (Portland, Oregon) – Providence Cancer Center has been awarded a \$450,000 Career Catalyst Research Grant by Susan G. Komen for the Cure, bringing the total number of Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer research grants in Oregon to 11, and totaling over \$3.7 million. This funding was made possible, in part, because of funds the Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate has sent to Komen Headquarters’ for research.

This latest grant is Providence Cancer Center’s third research grant from Susan G. Komen for the Cure. This latest grant to Providence will investigate combination therapies for the treatment of HER2-positive Breast Cancer. Dr. Keith Bahjat will serve as the Principal Investigator with Fellow Dr. Jessica Shugart.

Komen Oregon/SW Washington CEO, Thomas Bruner, states “With ten women dying from breast cancer each week in Oregon alone, the need to find the cures for this devastating disease is more pressing than ever. We are delighted to partner with Providence in our urgent mission to save lives and end breast cancer forever.”

Year	Investigator/Institution	Amount
2012	Keith Bahjat, Providence Cancer Center	\$450,000
2011	Michael Gough, Providence Cancer Center	\$449,887.50
2010	Xiangshu Xiao, OHSU	\$599,996
2010	Megan Troxell, OHSU	\$449,850
2010	Lisa Domenico, OHSU	\$500,000
2009	Hong-Ming Hu, Yuhuan Li, Providence Cancer Center	\$180,000
2007	Rosalie Sears, OHSU	\$299,983
2006	Kerri Winters, OHSU	\$249,700
2002	Rosalie Sears, OHSU	\$250,000
2002	Stefan Lanker, OHSU	\$250,000
2002	Lee Rickords, OHSU	\$30,000
1999	Nancy Perrin, Portland State University	\$19,844
TOTAL		\$3,729,260.50

Hormone receptor status is a main factor in planning breast cancer treatment. Dr. Ali Conlin, a breast cancer specialist with Providence and a member of Komen’s Medical Advisory Committee, notes “While the treatment of HER-2-positive breast cancer has had many exciting developments over the last year, there is still a great need for continued exploration into strategies to combine targeted agents with all the other ‘tools’ we have at our disposal. This is work that will help get us another step closer to the cure!”

As Dr. Laurel Soot, Providence Regional Clinical Director of Breast Health, notes, “As federal funds from the National Institute of Health and other major government institutions have significantly declined, scientists at the Providence Cancer Center are facing a growing need for alternative funding sources. With this generous grant from Komen, we are able to conduct additional trials that will potentially improve the success of cancer treatment and positively impact the patient and their family.”

Komen has sustained a strong commitment to supporting projects and programs that will identify and deliver cures for breast cancer. This commitment has resulted in important progress that has contributed to major advances in breast cancer over the past 30 years. This effort began with a single grant for \$28,000 in 1982. With increasing investments over time, now totaling nearly \$755 million, Komen is the largest non-government funder of breast cancer research.

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 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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