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## **KOMEN AFFILIATE NAMES THOMAS BRUNER NEW CEO**

*Nationally Recognized Non-Profit Leader Returns to Portland  
to Lead Region's Fight to Save Lives and End Breast Cancer*

**June 22, 2012 (Portland, Ore.)** - The Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure announced today it has selected Thomas Bruner its new Chief Executive Officer. Bruner will start his new post in August after returning to Portland from Washington, D.C.

"With Thomas as our new CEO, Komen's mission of saving local lives and ending breast cancer forever is in extraordinarily capable hands," stated Tina Foster, the Affiliate's Past Board President and Search Committee Chair. "We have landed a superstar to lead our organization. We are delighted that Komen is the next chapter in his spectacular career."

In his new role, Bruner will lead one of the largest and most influential Komen affiliates in the nation, widely respected for its innovation, effectiveness and programmatic rigor. He will oversee an annual budget of nearly \$8 million dollars of direct and in-kind contributions. The Affiliate recently awarded \$2,018,260 in grants to support 45,246 women and families in Oregon and SW Washington. This funding will provide low-income women access to screening services, fund women's health exams, mammography and diagnostic services through the region, save local lives, raise public awareness, remove barriers to screenings and treatments, and fund critical research to end breast cancer forever.

"Breast cancer touches us all. My mother battled the disease and I have seen first hand the physical, emotional, practical and financial challenges faced by those diagnosed and their loved ones," explained Bruner. "I am thrilled to be returning to the place I consider home to lead these life-saving efforts."

In joining Komen, Bruner leaves his previous position as Vice President of Corporate Diversity with the American National Red Cross. There, his work has been to advance diversity and inclusion in one of the largest non-profit institutions in the world. Prior, Bruner was Division Vice President, responsible for oversight of some 60 Red Cross chapters across New England and New York with 1,400 employees, 45,000 volunteers and annual expenses of \$113 million. Before assuming a national leadership position, Bruner was Regional Executive in Oregon, with responsibilities for the six Red Cross chapters in the state with 5,000 volunteers, 17 offices, 175 employees and \$14 million in annual expenses.

While living in Oregon from 1998-2009, Bruner was deeply engaged in an array of community affairs, serving on Governor Ted Kulongoski's Transition Team, Oregon Ethics Commission, Portland Parks and Recreation Board, Leadership Portland, Junior League of Portland Community Board, Nonprofit Association of Oregon Steering Committee and Dharma Rain Zen Center.

He replaces Christine M. McDonald who previously held the post for more than seven years and is now the Vice President Philanthropic Giving at Edith Sanford Breast Cancer Foundation in South Dakota.

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***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](http://komenoregon.org).

***About Portland and Eugene Race For The Cure***

The Race for the Cure series raises significant local 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. Early registration for the Portland and Eugene Races For The Cure ends Saturday, June 30. Race registration for both events is currently pacing ahead of prior years. To participate in the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> Race in Portland or the Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> Race in Eugene, visit [komenoregon.org](http://komenoregon.org).

***About Susan G. Komen for the Cure***

About Susan G. Komen for the Cure<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> and the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure<sup>®</sup>, 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](http://komen.org) or call 1-877 GO KOMEN.

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