

# Susan G. Komen Oregon & SW Washington History



**1991**  
Susan G. Komen Oregon & SW Washington is formed by three breast cancer survivors with \$300 and a charter. Relative, five-year survival rate is 79% with early detection.

1<sup>st</sup> Portland Race for the Cure.

**1993**  
1st local trials of Tamoxifen drug study and 1st Row for the Cure event take shape.



**1996**  
1st Breast Cancer Issues Conference hosted by Komen in Portland - the only one in the entire organization.

**2003**  
State of Oregon includes Susan G. Komen Oregon & SW Washington to the tax charitable checkoff.

**2009**  
\$180,000 awarded to Providence Cancer Center researchers – Hong-Ming Hu and Yuhuan Li.

**2005**  
Susan G. Komen Oregon & SW Washington is added to the state of Oregon's charitable check off on tax document.

**2012**  
HER2+ smart bomb developed by Komen scholars to slow metastatic breast cancer.

**2013**  
\$1.6 million health disparities project (only one of its kind) is launched – the Latina Initiative + Legislation passed by the state of Oregon to fund \$970,000 in screening services – Senate bill 362.

\$7 million research grant to OHSU Knight Cancer Institute – Komen-funded scholar Lisa Coussens.



**2016**  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Portland Race for the Cure. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lunch for the Cure.

Relative, five-year survival rate is 99% with early detection; death rate decreased by 33%. \$19.8 million provided education, screening and treatment programs. \$11.9 million awarded to OHSU Knight Cancer Institute and Providence Cancer Center.

**1992**  
Komen provides funding for the first free mammograms.

**1994**  
Discovery of the BRACA1 gene mutation discovered by Komen-funded scholar Mary-Claire King + Komen advocates for the federal Mammography Quality Standards Act.

**2002**  
\$230,000 awarded to OHSU researchers – Stefan Lanker and Lee Rickords.

**1998**  
Hires the first executive director + 1st breast cancer research stamp issued by the White House + Women's Health and Cancer Right Act enacted by the federal government.

**2007**  
1st Lunch for the Cure event + Access to Treatment (Toni Mountain Fund) launch + Komen funds \$1 million to form Tissue Bank which offers global researchers the tools to study how breast cancer develops and spreads.



**2010**  
First Eugene Race for the Cure.



**2015**  
Dense Breast Tissue Law enacted on a federal level.

**2014**  
OHSU Knight Cancer Institute and Providence Cancer Center name research labs after Susan G. Komen Oregon & SW Washington.



Every week, 63 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 11 will lose their fight. We are tougher than breast cancer!