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OHSU KNIGHT CANCER INSTITUTE NAMES RESEARCH LAB FOR SUSAN G. KOMEN

Total Komen Support Surpasses \$10.5 Million

March 28, 2014 (Portland, Oregon) – The Knight Cancer Institute at Oregon Health & Science University and Susan G. Komen celebrated a mutual dedication to research when the Institute named a research lab for Susan G. Komen yesterday. The naming is in recognition of more than \$10.5 million in Komen grants for research and programs made to OHSU.

Thomas Bruner, CEO of Komen Oregon/SW Washington, states “With ten women and men dying from breast cancer each week in Oregon, the need to find cures is urgent. Knight Cancer Institute researchers are working on some of the most complex issues in the pursuit of breast cancer cures and treatment. We are proud to be among their partners and donors.”

Prominent among researchers who have received funding from Komen is Lisa Coussens, PhD. Coussens was awarded a prestigious Komen Promise Grant for her work exploring how cells that surround a tumor fuel its growth and affect its response to treatment. Last year, Knight researcher, Joe Gray, PhD., received a \$225,000 grant to fund his work investigating methods of controlling and combating metastatic breast cancer: lessening the cancer’s ability to escape treatment; and how to exploit the inherent genomic instability of basal breast cancers, such as triple negative.

In addition to research, Komen funds support breast cancer screening, culturally-specific outreach to Latinas and African Americans, support for breast cancer survivors and advocacy at the state and federal levels to increase government spending on screening and treatment. Komen is the largest non-governmental funder of breast cancer research in the world, with more than \$800 million invested so far, and is the leader in spreading breast cancer awareness. Due largely to that leadership, breast cancer deaths have plummeted 33% since 1990, and 5-year survival rates when breast cancer is detected early have increased from 72% in 1982 to 99% today.

A summary of Komen’s financial support of the Knight Cancer Institute and OHSU’s breast cancer work is below.

| Komen Research Grants Oregon Health & Science University | Amount Awarded |
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| Lisa Coussens | \$6,500,000 |
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| Joe Gray | \$225,000 |
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| Rosalie Sears | \$299,983 |
| Kerri Winters-Stone | \$249,700 |
| Rosalie Sears | \$250,000 |
| Stefan Lanker | \$250,000 |
| Lee Rickords | \$30,000 |
| Xiangshu Xiao | \$599,996 |
| Megan Troxell | \$449,850 |
| Lisa Domenico | \$500,000 |
| | Subtotal: \$10,179,529 |
| Komen Program Grants Oregon Health & Science University | |
| Assessing Community Readiness to Address Breast Cancer Health Disparities in Oregon | \$2,000 |
| Breast Health Promotion Among Women with Disabilities - Community Health Worker Approach | \$39,874 |
| Breast Health Promotion Among Women with Disabilities - Community Health Worker Approach | \$30,000 |
| Breast Health Promotion Among Women with Disabilities: Community Health Worker Approach | \$22,500 |
| Wellness Conference | \$2,498 |
| Early Detection of Breast Cancer - Clinical Breast Exam | \$30,000 |
| Early Detection of Breast Cancer - Clinical Breast Exam | \$40,000 |
| Breast Health Education | \$2,500 |
| Clinical Breast Exam Education - Dr Elizabeth Steiner | \$100,332 |
| Clinical Breast Exam Education - Dr Elizabeth Steiner | \$57,875 |
| Breast Health Disparities- Marie Dahlstrom | \$5,000 |
| Rural Health Conference Support | \$1,500 |
| | Subtotal: \$334,079 |
| | Grand Total: \$10,513,608 |

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. Komen was founded by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy's life. 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 almost \$29 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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