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### **KOMEN BRINGS MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY VAN TO NORTH PORTLAND**

**September 20, Portland, OR** – Have you had your annual mammogram, yet? Has it been a few years? Well, join Susan G. Komen Oregon & SW Washington at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church on Saturday, October 20, 2018, where the Tuality mobile mammography van will be providing screening mammograms.

The Tuality mobile mammography van will be in the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church parking lot, from 9 am – 3 pm, to provide mammograms for women 40 and older who have not had one in at least one year. Pre-registration, by October 14<sup>th</sup>, is required for a mammogram appointment. Mammograms are available, with or without insurance, to women who are 40 and older, who do not have any symptoms of breast cancer (lump, discharge, etc), are not pregnant or breast feeding, and have a primary care home or doctor where mammogram results can be sent. If possible, their insurance company will be billed. If a woman does not have insurance and does not qualify for ScreenWise, Oregon's free mammogram program, then Komen has funds set aside to cover the cost. If someone has Kaiser insurance, they will be connected to a Kaiser Permanente (KP) representative to schedule their mammogram at a KP facility, as it is not accepted on the Van. If you think you have a symptom of breast cancer, please contact your healthcare provider as soon as possible to have it checked out.

Screening mammograms are being provided as part of Komen's Worship in Pink program, a breast health education program for congregations of all faiths. Volunteer Ambassadors are trained by Komen to present breast health education activities in their congregations in October that share the importance of screening in the early detection of breast cancer. Worship in Pink activities are open to the community. Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church is holding their Worship in Pink activities on Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7. Worship in Pink activities are open to the community.

Go to [komenoregon.org/worship-in-pink](http://komenoregon.org/worship-in-pink) or call 503-552-9160 to register for a mammogram and to learn more about Worship in Pink, including to see a schedule of activities.

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### **About Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington**

In 27 years, the local organization has funneled \$19.7 million into programs that prioritize the importance of improving and building on the quality of life for survivors, emphasize the value of early detection and screenings, as well as financial assistance for access to treatment. Another \$12.4 million has been dedicated to local cutting-edge research. More information is available at [komenoregon.org](http://komenoregon.org).

### **About Susan G. Komen**

Susan G. Komen is the world's largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit, outside of the US government, while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. Nationally, since its founding in 1982, Komen has funded \$2.9 billion in funding to research, screening, education, treatment and psychosocial support programs serving millions of people in more than 30 countries worldwide.

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