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Komen's Advocacy Results in \$1 Million for Oregon's Breast and Cervical Cancer Program

Legislature Adds \$270,000 to State Program

March 7, 2014, Portland, OR – Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington today applauds the Oregon Legislature for adopting a budget that adds \$270,000 of state general funds to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP), bringing the total of state support from \$0 to \$970,000 in the last 12 months. Because of Komen's efforts over the last year, Oregon is now among the 45 states supporting their BCCPs, which help low-income, uninsured women have access to breast and cervical cancer screening.

"The number one factor in surviving breast cancer is early detection", stated Thomas Bruner, CEO of Komen Oregon and SW Washington. "These additional funds will literally save lives of women across our state."

Komen has granted almost \$7 million to Oregon's BCCP to date, helping provide the matching funds required to secure federal money. In the 2013 legislative session, Komen was successful in securing \$700,000 for the program – the first time state general revenue funds had been allocated. In the legislative session adjourned today, Komen worked to secure an additional \$270,000. Oregon's investment in BCCP now totals \$970,000, and will help more than 2,800 women have access to potentially life-saving cancer screening.

Historically, as many as 77,000 women have been eligible for BCCP services each year in Oregon. While implementation of the Affordable Care Act/Cover Oregon will decrease that number, as many as 25,000 women may not be covered and will still need BCCP services.

Komen is grateful to the members of the Human Services Subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee for including the \$270,000 allocation in the budget: Sen. Alan Bates, Co-Chair; Rep. Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair; Sen. Jackie Winters; Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward; Rep. Tim Freeman and Rep. Joe Gallegos; and to the leadership of the Joint Ways and Means Committee for their support of the allocation: Sen. Richard Devlin and Rep. Peter Buckley.

About Susan G. Komen

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Suzy, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer. Today, Susan G. Komen® works to end breast cancer in the U.S. and throughout the world by investing more than \$800 million in breast cancer research and \$1.5 billion in community outreach programs; providing funding to help low-income and uninsured women get screened and get treatment; advocating for cancer research and outreach programs; and working globally in more than 30 countries. Visit komen.org to learn more.

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 as part of the world's largest and most progressive grassroots network fighting breast cancer. Komen has invested \$30 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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