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SUSAN G. KOMEN OREGON AND SW WASHINGTON TO RESCHEDULE MAJOR EVENTS

March 12, 2020, Portland, OR – In light of COVID-19 virus, Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington will reschedule the 22nd Annual Breast Cancer Issues Conference and the 14th Annual Lunch for the Cure events originally slated for April 2020. The new dates will be determined in time.

Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington staff continues to monitor news daily from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Komen staff employs strict personal hygiene practices recommended by the CDC.

Aletha Anderson, Komen Board Chair stated, “The health and safety of our constituents is our first priority. We must be extra vigilant during this evolving situation because our community lives with suppressed immune systems – is living with metastatic breast cancer, recently diagnosed and going through treatment and breast cancer survivors.”

Komen will continue to follow the guidance of local, state and federal agencies, to implement plans and protocols. Public safety is paramount because of the nature of their work.

Andy Asato, CEO, “At this time, staff have come together to take action - to communicate with our constituents and to reassure people affected by breast cancer, we stand ready to provide services during this difficult time. Komen staff is monitoring the direction of the National Komen Office for guidance in the coming days and weeks, as well. Like many, those we serve will be impacted by this international pandemic. I encourage the public to remain with us and make a donation of any amount to help us ensure breast cancer survivors and those in breast cancer treatment continue to receive the critical services they need at this time. They are truly vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus.”

Additional information about events and ways to give can be found at komenoregon.org.

About Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington

In 29 years, the local organization has funneled \$21 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 \$14 million has been dedicated to local cutting-edge research. More information is available at

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 more than \$1 billion in research and more than \$2.2 billion in screening, education, treatment and psychosocial support programs serving millions of people in more than 60 countries worldwide.

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