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KEEPING UP WITH KOMEN OREGON & SW WASHINGTON

MARCH & APRIL NEWS

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As COVID-19 impacts our communities, be assured Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington staff remains steadfast in our support of communities across Oregon and SW Washington with breast health and cancer education, programs and services.

The Komen team is encouraging breast cancer patients and survivors to take every precaution recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Please do not miss your scheduled treatment appointments. Contact your healthcare professional if you have questions about your breast cancer treatment and appointments. If you feel symptomatic, please contact or consult with your health provider to determine if diagnostic imaging is necessary. If you have a routine mammogram or screening scheduled with your healthcare provider, please talk with them to reschedule it for a later time. If you need guidance, resources or financial assistance with gas, food and lodging during treatment, search for *Treatment Access Program* on komenoregon.org or contact 1.800.404.8241.

Also know, we are taking every precaution possible. Our spring events have been rescheduled to the fall and we will continue to monitor the situation. You can find more information and updates within our newsletter and on social media channels. Please follow us on social media to stay up to date on latest information.

KOMEN DURING COVID-19

CEO, Andrew Asato



I hope you are well and safe.

As you know, each day brings a rapidly evolving response to containing the COVID-19 pandemic that affects us all. These are certainly trying times as we find new ways to come together in our community and cope with daily life changes. This is especially true for the breast cancer community, which remains extremely vulnerable to this virus.

Please read [this press release from Susan G. Komen National](#) for information on how to take control of your breast health at this time. You can find more information and updates on our local efforts within this newsletter and on social media channels. [Visit www.Komen.org](http://www.Komen.org) to address concerns around Coronavirus spread prevention, symptoms, and more.

As always, we thank you, our loyal supporters, who fund the vital program services we aim to continue to deliver with your help.

Warmly,

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Did you know?

Our [Breast Care Hotline](#) 1-877 GO KOMEN (1-877-465-6636) provides free, professional support, in English or Spanish, to anyone with breast cancer questions or concerns.



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KOMEN TEAM HIGHLIGHT



Bori Gilchrist - Ambassador Board Member

Bori serves as co-chair on the Komen Oregon and SW Washington Ambassador Board and has been a part of the group for 3 years.



Tai Harden-Moore, JD, MBA - African American Initiative Manager

Please help us welcome our newest member of the Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington staff, Tai Harden-Moore!

EVENTS



Lunch for the Cure - RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7, 2020

Lunch for the Cure brings together business and community leaders who recognize the importance of investing in saving lives and ending breast cancer. [Enjoy libations, a raffle, wine wall, and then, listen to an inspirational story](#) from our keynote speaker during lunch!

Our keynote speaker, Tai Harden-Moore, will share her cancer journey which began during law school in 2011 and at age 31 with two children under the age of six. What happens in her journey will amaze you.



Breast Cancer Issues Conference - TO BE RESCHEDULED

We are working on rescheduling Komen's [Breast Cancer Issues Conference](#). We'll let you know once details are confirmed.



Friendformational - TO BE RESCHEDULED

Grab your friends for a night of drinks, food, fun, and important breast health information! Join us from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Neyborly Old Town (205 NW 4th Ave. Portland 97209.)



MORE THAN PINK Walk: Save the Date - August 23, 2020

Walk or run and fundraise for a loved one affected by breast cancer. Let's save lives together at the MORE THAN PINK Walk on August 23 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park!

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Community Program Spotlight – Latina Council

Komen has formed a Latina Council to facilitate a conversation between health systems, community health workers, and organizations serving Latinas. The main topic of conversation at meetings is how to best serve the Latinx community in the breast cancer space. The Council is a way to continue conversations had with [Latina Initiative](#) partners and to expand those learnings in the Portland-metro area.



Advocacy - Update

A [group of Komen volunteers](#) spent February 27th in Salem, talking with their legislators about the importance of the state funding ScreenWise, Oregon's breast and cervical cancer screening program. Komen is partnering with ACS CAN in organizing a coalition of organizations in support of this effort. If your organization would like to join us, contact Programs@KomenOregon.org.

Komen is part of a coalition, led by the Oregon Medical Association, in support of [HB 4102](#), which would improve prior authorization and step therapy protocols. After public testimony, [including from Komen](#), the bill passed out of the House and the Senate Health Care Committee. Unfortunately, session ended before a vote could be had in the Senate.

Komen's Center for Public Policy is also actively working on [federal advocacy priorities](#).



Metastatic Breast Cancer

The [MBC Dinner Series](#) event scheduled for May 4th is being rescheduled, and a new date will be announced as it becomes available. Livestream videos from our MBC Dinner Series can be found [on our Facebook page](#).

Other Komen affiliates across the country are also conducting MBC events. [Learn more about Komen's work](#), nationally, in the MBC community, as well as find MBC Impact Series dates.



Celebrate for the Cure

[In February, we celebrated some outstanding members of the Komen family](#) who exemplified what it means to be MORE THAN PINK. Together with friends, family, and fellow Komen supporters, we recognized these individuals and organizations for everything they did in 2019.

Celebrate Awards Recipients:

Strength of Many - Saving Second Base

Corporate Partner - Daimler Trucks North America

MORE THAN PINK Walk - Columbia Sportswear

Survivor of the Year - Sue Best

Promise of One - Dr. Joe Gray

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



MORE THAN PINK Walk Committee

Join us behind the scenes as we plan our biggest event of the year! On the committee you will play a vital role in the success of the MORE THAN PINK Walk. To join, please contact Anna Miller at amiller@komepnoregon.org or 503-546-7431.



Summer Internships

We are seeking enthusiastic interns for the Spring and Summer of 2020. Roles include marketing and communications, event coordination, and more. Please visit KomenOregon.org or contact Lexi Oppelt at loppelt@komenoregon.org or 503-546-7430 for more information.

WAYS TO GIVE



Tax Refund Giving

Komen family - COVID-19 is causing uncertainty around the globe. Right now, we are hyper-focused on ensuring our pillars of research, care, community and action stay standing strong, and continuing to provide breast health and cancer education, programs, and services across Oregon and SW Washington. Please consider using a portion of your tax refund to make a gift that can truly help save a life.



Toni Mountain Fund for Treatment Access

Support gas, transportation, lodging, and food for patients in treatment.



The Joe and Jane Gray Family Fund for Advanced Breast Cancer Research

Support local and national research for advanced breast cancer.



Create a Fundraiser

Kickstart your DIY fundraiser on our new user-friendly webpage! Utilize many new tools and fun ideas to help you raise money for local breast cancer services and programs! [Get started here!](#)



Cornerstone Membership (Monthly Giving)

Become a champion among our family of supporters. A small gift each month goes a long way to impact a life.



Giving Circle - Friends of Komen

Receive unique opportunities to learn more about various programs and services, which support people affected by breast cancer.



Planned Giving

Learn the different charitable gift options available to you. We will work with you to find a plan that lets you provide for both your family and support Komen Oregon and SW Washington.

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COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Community Fundraiser Spotlight



During the month of October, **Gresham Police Department sold \$1,500** in Pink patches and hats. This is their second year doing this fundraiser. Many officers wore the patches on their uniforms to show their support. Thank you Gresham Police Department!

Pictured left is Komen Oregon and SW Washington CEO, Andrew Asato with Gresham Police Department Chief, Robin Sells and Tag the Comfort Dog.



Clothing 4 Cancer - Ongoing

50% of profits will be donated to Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington. Their Mission: Keep clothing out of landfills; help fight breast cancer. [Find a bin near you!](#)



Amazon Smile - Ongoing

[AmazonSmile](#) is an excellent way to make your online shopping feel extra good! [Click HERE](#), add Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington to your supported charity, and start shopping today!



USA Softball of Portland (Saving Second Base) - Ongoing

Don't let cancer steal 2nd base! [Click HERE](#) to see upcoming events and join in the fun. Games raise money for the four pillars of our work: research, care, community, and action.