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**SUSAN G. KOMEN ORANGE COUNTY RACE FOR THE
CURE® ON TRACK TO RAISE \$3 MILLION**
Record Participation and Donations for Landmark Breast Cancer Race

COSTA MESA, Calif., Sept. 23, 2007 – More than 35,000 participants turned out today for the 16th annual Susan G. Komen Orange County Race for the Cure® in Newport Beach. Breast cancer survivors, clad in pink t-shirts and hats, raced beside family, friends and activists honoring loved ones touched by breast cancer in an effort to create a world without the disease. The 2007 Race is on track to raise a record \$3 million (with most recent totals \$200,000 more than this time last year), bringing the Komen Orange County Affiliate total to \$18 million raised since the Orange County Race’s inception in 1992.

“Each year the Race gains overwhelming support from the people of Orange County, and this time, with record participation and fundraising, they again declared their unwavering commitment to our promise to save lives and end breast cancer forever,” said Lisa Wolter, executive director of the Orange County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. “We can’t thank everyone enough for their participation and support in this year’s Race and the overall Komen for the Cure mission.”

The Race had more than 24,000 registrants – 2,000 were breast cancer survivors and the rest enthusiastic supporters, many of whom were racing for a loved one affected by breast cancer. There were more than 250 teams, the largest being the United States Postal Service, with a team of more than 1,300. An incredible 1,700 volunteers helped at booths, water stations, and on the track to ensure all parts of the Race went smoothly. Area breast cancer survivors were recognized for their triumph over the disease at a special tribute in their honor and several offered emotional, heartfelt comments about their struggles and victories. American Idol finalist Lisa Tucker, whose family has been touched by breast cancer, also performed “Wind Beneath My Wings.”

Fundraising for Komen Orange County Race will continue through Oct. 19; all donations are appreciated and will be accepted at www.komenoc.org, or by mail to Komen Orange County Affiliate, 3191-A Airport Loop Drive, Costa Mesa, CA, 92626.

Seventy-five percent of the funds raised are invested in local breast cancer awareness and education programs, breast self-examination classes, medical and diagnostic services for uninsured and underinsured women, and other unmet community needs through grants to community breast health organizations. The remaining 25 percent is dedicated to the Komen Award and Research Grant Program to fund national breast cancer research.

With nearly 1,900 women in Orange County facing a diagnosis of breast cancer this year, and many more already battling the disease, the Komen Orange County Affiliate is at the forefront of ensuring that life-saving breast health initiatives are accessible to all women in the community, regardless of their age or background.

About Susan G. Komen for the Cure®

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement. Today, Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. Through events like the Komen Race for the Cure, nearly \$1 billion has been invested to fulfill that promise, making Komen for the Cure the world's largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to fighting breast cancer.

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