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**F&M Bank Supports First-Ever “Music for the Cure” To Raise  
Breast Cancer Awareness and Support the Arts in Orange County**  
*A Unique Collaboration Between Susan G. Komen for the Cure and Pacific Symphony*

**Newport Beach, Calif., August 18, 2009** – Farmers & Merchants Bank ([www.fmb.com](http://www.fmb.com)) today announced its support of the first-ever “Music for the Cure” to help magnify the message of breast cancer awareness through music. F&M Bank is proactively supporting the innovative event through a recently launched bus advertisement campaign across Orange County. The highly visible ads promote the event, taking place on Sept. 12 at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater in Irvine.

F&M Bank CEO Henry Walker is a strong advocate for both nonprofits, serving as a Pink Tie Guy for the Komen Orange County Affiliate and a board member of the Pacific Symphony. “During this time of financial instability, when nonprofit organizations are being depleted of their resources, it is necessary for us to break outside the box in our strategic thinking to find new ways to promote the causes we support.” F&M has played a key role in the creation and cultivation of this partnership and event, conjoining two unlikely organizations to maximize outreach and exposure for a life-saving cause.

The “Tchaikovsky Spectacular” is the culmination of the Pacific Symphony’s summer concert series that incorporates “Music for the Cure” to help kick-off the annual Susan G.

Komen Orange County Race for the Cure on Sept. 27. Members of the orchestra will be displaying a pink hue during the performance. The concert will end with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, climaxing into a burst of thundering canons and spectacular fireworks as breast cancer survivors celebrate overcoming a devastating disease that affects one in eight women nationally. This event will provide an opportunity for the general public to support breast cancer awareness and the preservation of music, two key programs in Orange County.

F&M has proactively supported community organizations since its inception 102-years ago. C.J. Walker, founder and former F&M CEO, built the bank on the value of giving back to the community despite the economic landscape. As the fourth generation CEO, Henry Walker continues the philanthropic spirit by investing in nonprofit organizations and cultivating opportunities to provide exposure for causes that are dedicated to transforming lives.

### **About Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach**

Farmers & Merchants Bank has 22 branches in L.A. and Orange counties. The Bank specializes in commercial and small business banking along with business loan programs up to \$35 million. The Bank is recognized as the strongest bank in California and one of the safest banks in the country as measured by a variety of industry measurements. Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach is a California state chartered bank with deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC").

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