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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2009 RACE FOR THE CURE®**

COSTA MESA, Calif., Aug. 18, 2009 – For supporters of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, signing up for the 2009 Orange County Race for the Cure is not the only way to get involved in the largest breast cancer fundraiser in all of Southern California. Many volunteers are still needed to make the Sunday, Sept. 27 event at Fashion Island in Newport Beach a successful, safe, and fun event.

The Komen Orange County Affiliate is calling for more than 1,300 volunteers for this year's Race, and is seeking supporters willing to fill these vital roles. Men and women are needed to ensure the event runs smoothly, as over 30,000 participants, including breast cancer survivors and activists, are expected to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Race.

A wide variety of jobs are open to fit every strength, skill set and interest, including: monitoring the Race course and assisting Race participants, directing parking and traffic flow, helping out in the expo area, setting up booths the previous day, loading and unloading trucks, and taking down and cleaning up afterwards. "Cure Leaders," the official cheerleaders of the Race for the Cure, are needed to share enthusiasm, energy and educational chants at various stations along the Race course. Those who can lift 20-30 pounds are especially encouraged to sign up for the more strenuous jobs.

Volunteers are also needed in the weeks before the Race throughout September to staff the new Komen Registration Suite at Fashion Island and manage registration and packet pick-up opportunities for teams.

"Each year we rely on hundreds of gracious people to pull off this enormous event, and we are thankful to the people of Orange County who come through for us so willingly," said Cindy Brenneman, director of volunteer services for the Orange County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. "Many are here to honor the fight of their mothers, sisters, friends, or themselves – anyone in their lives who has been impacted by breast cancer. What better way to honor those who have battled this disease on this special day."

Groups are also encouraged to contact Brenneman to volunteer together. "Whether you need to fulfill community service hours or have been meaning to get more involved in the community, volunteering for the Race is the perfect way for any group – including scout troops, service groups and student clubs – to work together on a meaningful cause," said Brenneman.

Volunteers are also encouraged to register as Race participants, spread the word among friends and family, raise money for the cure and recruit others in promise to help end breast cancer forever. The fundraising goal for the 2009 Orange County Race for the Cure is \$3.1 million, which will be invested in groundbreaking breast cancer research and local breast health services, including mammograms for underinsured women.

For more information on volunteer opportunities or to sign up, visit the Race for the Cure link at [www.komenoc.org](http://www.komenoc.org), or call 714-957-9157.



**New walk-in registration information for 2009 is as follows:**

Race Registration Suite at Fashion Island (Atrium Court, lower level near Barnes & Noble)

Beginning Sept. 5:

Wednesdays 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Race Week:

Sunday (9/20) 1-5 p.m.

Monday (9/21) 12-8 p.m.

Tuesday (9/22) 4-8 p.m.

Wednesday (9/23) 4-8 p.m.

Thursday (9/24) 4-8 p.m.

Friday (9/25) 4-8 p.m.

Saturday (9/26) 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**About the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure®**

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Series is the world's largest and most successful education and fundraising event fighting to end breast cancer. Last year's Race for the Cure in Orange County generated more than \$3 million, 75 percent of which was invested in local breast cancer awareness, education, medical and diagnostic programs and 25 percent in breast cancer research. Visit [www.komenoc.org](http://www.komenoc.org) for more information and to register for the Race for the Cure.

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