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KOMEN OC HONORS MOST INSPIRATIONAL BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR, CO-SURVIVOR, BREAST HEALTH ADVOCATE

Awards Presented at First-Ever MasCUREade Event

COSTA MESA, Calif., March 9, 2010 – The Orange County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure has honored four outstanding individuals who have shown true dedication to the Komen promise to end breast cancer forever. These awards were presented at the recent Komen MasCUREade event, an educational and interactive community celebration that featured presentations on breast health and wellness while paying tribute to hundreds in the community who have been touched by the disease.

The Komen Orange County Affiliate recognized not one, but two **Most Inspirational Breast Cancer Survivors** this year. These women have turned their battles into a positive experience by inspiring, assisting or educating others. Additionally, the **Outstanding Breast Health Advocate** is a non-survivor who has volunteered to make a difference in the lives of breast cancer survivors and educate women in the community on breast health. A new honor this year, the **Most Inspirational Breast Cancer Co-Survivor**, recognizes the family, friend, healthcare provider or colleague who is there to lend support from diagnosis through treatment and beyond.

“These inspiring individuals are the heart of Susan G. Komen for the Cure,” said Lisa Wolter, executive director of the Komen Orange County Affiliate. “It takes a support system of co-survivors and advocates to conquer breast cancer, and we are proud to recognize them alongside survivors for their unyielding dedication to the cure.”

The 2010 award recipients are:

- **Jane Hill, Most Inspirational Breast Cancer Survivor:** Hill is a survivor of nearly 20 years and has volunteered in multiple capacities for the Komen Orange County Affiliate since its inception. She was one of the founders of the youth support organization and Komen community partner, Kids Konnected, and continues to work tirelessly at Komen events by supporting and educating those whose lives she touches.
- **Kathy Voorhis, Most Inspirational Breast Cancer Survivor:** Voorhis has survived two breast cancer diagnoses. With unbelievable courage and a contagious positive attitude, she is a fierce breast health advocate who fought for her own treatment and care after multiple misdiagnoses. A dedicated Komen OC volunteer, Voorhis remained a steadfast member of the Race for the Cure committee throughout her course of treatment. She continued to co-chair a subcommittee for the event, never slowing down despite her constant struggle.
- **Jane Ka’ala Pang, Most Inspirational Breast Cancer Co-Survivor:** Pang was nominated by her husband, breast cancer survivor Victor Pang. She has been her husband’s personal navigator for his journey for survivorship, balancing medical needs, family responsibilities,



and a career as a nurse at a rehabilitation center. Pang has also established several breast cancer education initiatives in Orange County, including multiple grants targeting the Asian Pacific Islander community.

- **Marcie Smith, Outstanding Breast Health Advocate:** Smith is an advanced nurse practitioner at MemorialCare Breast Center at Saddleback Memorial Medical Center. For more than 20 years, she has worked closely with her breast cancer patients, providing them with personalized attention to help them navigate through the maze of physicians, tests, surgery, treatment and follow-up. She is renowned throughout the hospital for her caring demeanor and has been instrumental in securing funding for vital breast health programs.

MasCUREade: A Celebration of Wellness was chaired by breast cancer survivor Rebecca Hultquist, with her sister, Laura Melendez, as co-chair. Hultquist is a mother of three young daughters and became a passionate Komen advocate after she was diagnosed with breast cancer five years ago.

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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