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KOMEN ORANGE COUNTY AFFILIATE AWARDS \$1.5 MILLION TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AT GRANTS AWARD BREAKFAST

COSTA MESA, Calif., Nov. 21, 2011 – The [Orange County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen](#) for the Cure today announced it will award more than \$1.5 million in grants to 15 local nonprofit organizations at its Grants Award Breakfast on Friday, Dec. 2. The grants make a substantial impact in the fight to end breast cancer forever and reinforce Komen Orange County's support for its surrounding community partners.

For more than 20 years, deserving community organizations throughout Orange County have used the grants in collaboration with clinics and hospitals to offset the high cost of diagnostic breast health services, benefitting uninsured and underinsured Orange County residents and helping to make an impact locally on cultural and ethnic disparities in breast cancer mortality. These nonprofit recipient groups serve diverse populations and provide access to care throughout Orange County in an effort to save women's lives.

“The organizations receiving grants from our Affiliate in 2012 are instrumental in helping us bring lifesaving support services and education initiatives to underserved groups in the community,” said Lisa Wolter, executive director of the Orange County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. “Awarding grants allows us to work in collaboration with other community based nonprofits to overcome language and cultural barriers while addressing the breast health needs of Orange County women.”

At this year's awards breakfast, the Affiliate will debut an inspirational mural celebrating 20 years of saving lives in Orange County. The artwork, created by 20 breast cancer advocates and survivors, illustrates Komen's promise to end breast cancer forever.

Additionally, several breast cancer survivors will share their personal experiences of receiving assistance from the Affiliate's grantee organizations. Elizabeth Thompson, president of Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the event's special keynote speaker, will be on hand to discuss the state of breast cancer in the world and in Orange County.

Year-round fundraising efforts, including the Race for the Cure and Pink Tie Ball, allow the Affiliate to directly assist the community through breast health programs and initiatives. Seventy-five percent of the money raised by the Komen Orange County Affiliate goes into grantee community programs and the Komen Fund for Breast Health Care Grant Program. The remaining 25 percent is dedicated to the Komen Award and Research Grant Program to fund groundbreaking breast cancer research.

The 2012 Komen Fund for Breast Health Care and community grants recipients and their breast health programs are:



- **AltaMed Health Services Corporation** / Breast Cancer Early Detection and Care Program
- **Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center** / Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Program (BCAPP) to the Uninsured Chinese American Women
- **Breast Cancer Solutions** / Enabling Access: Medical and Financial Aid Program; Latina Breast Health Support Program Specialist
- **Hurrt Family Health Clinic** / Access to Care and Treatment (ACT) Now Project
- **Laguna Beach Community Clinic** / LBCC's Breast Care Commitment Program
- **Latino Health Access** / Salud de Seno (Breast Health Program)
- **Nhan Hoa Comprehensive Health Clinic** / Breast Care for Low-Income and Uninsured Young People
- **Pacific Islander Health Partnership** / Pacific Islander Navigator Breast Health Project
- **Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties** / Breast Health Program
- **Serve the People Community Health Center** / Women's Wellness Clinic
- **Share Our Selves (SOS)** / Women's Health Initiative
- **The G.R.E.E.N. Foundation** / ActNOW: Be Self Empowered (BSE) Breast Health
- **Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation** / Breast Health Navigation and Education Program
- **YWCA of North Orange County** / Early Breast Cancer Screening and Education
- **University of California, Irvine** / Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

By implementing an extensive range of breast health initiatives, Komen grantees take proactive steps in ensuring that all women and men have access to life-saving breast health care. Since 1991, the Komen Orange County Affiliate has been at the forefront of the community, providing for and investing in breast health programs and research. Through the Affiliate's Community Grants Program, more than 8,400 uninsured and underserved women were provided assistance in obtaining free mammograms, which resulted in the detection of 25 breast cancer cases.

The breakfast is open to the public and will take place from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. at The Westin South Coast Plaza, 686 Anton Blvd., in Costa Mesa. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$150 for a table of 10 and may be reserved online at www.komenoc.org or by calling 714-957-9157. Individuals and companies are welcome to attend or may donate hosted seats for breast cancer survivors and community agencies.

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 \$1.9 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.



For more information on the Orange County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, please visit www.komenoc.org or call 714-957-9157.

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