



Our Mission and Promise: To save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all, and energizing science to find the cures.

Mission Highlights for 2009!

BREAST CANCER FACTS:

- Early detection saves lives!! Women diagnosed in the earliest stages of breast cancer have a 98% five year survival rate. Women diagnosed in the latest stage of breast cancer have a 26% five year survival rate.
- About 85% of all women diagnosed with breast cancer **DO NOT** have a family history.
- Oregon is #4 and Washington is #1 in breast cancer incidence, but the rate is slowly decreasing! (2002-2005 Cancer Registry data)
- Each week in Oregon, 51 women are diagnosed with breast cancer and 9 will die.
- Each week in Washington, 86 women are diagnosed with breast cancer and 15 will die.
- Hispanic women have the highest percent of “Late Stage” diagnosis of breast cancer of any racial or ethnic group in Oregon. (Late stage means it has spread to distant organs, such as the brain, bones, lungs, etc.)
- Men get breast cancer! In the U.S., 440 men will die from breast cancer in 2009.

WHAT IS THE OREGON & SW WASHINGTON AFFILIATE DOING IN 2009?

- We will give \$1.1M in grants to address breast cancer issues.
- We will partner with the Oregon and Washington breast cancer screening programs to provide over 6,500 mammograms to low-income, uninsured women.
- We will fund 26 organizations throughout Oregon and SW Washington to provide education, patient navigation and support services to over 25,000 people.
- We will expand the Transportation Program to provide gas cards, food and lodging for breast cancer patients and gas cards for screening assistance for women who must travel long distances for services. We will spend \$98,000 this year to make it available to **ALL** of Oregon and SW Washington for the first time.
- Our Speakers Bureau will provide presentations to over 10,000 people this year through health fairs, employee events, and community activities.
- We are working on the annual Breast Cancer Issues™ Conference! For 2010, we are creating a new Friday afternoon educational session for health providers, with Continuing Medical Education credits being offered. The Saturday session will continue to offer breast cancer and breast health information for the general public.
- The new 2009 Community Profile, which identifies breast health needs and plans to address those needs, is now posted on the website at www.komenoregon.org/programs_and_grants.

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