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KOMEN OREGON CELEBRATES AT AWARDS CEREMONY

Komen Oregon recognizes dedicated partners, sponsors and volunteers at heartfelt awards ceremony in downtown Portland.

January 28, 2010 – On January 28th, 2010, the Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® recognized dedicated sponsors, donors, fundraisers and volunteers at its annual Partner Appreciation and Awards Ceremony. KATU's Helen Raptis, a ten year breast cancer survivor, served as the event's Master of Ceremonies, which took place at NW Natural. NW Natural has underwritten the cost of this celebration for the past three years.

The Affiliate presented its "Promise of One" award to volunteers Shirley Cyr and Ann Bisgyer. Shirley serves on the Affiliate Board of Directors and has been volunteering for the Affiliate for over a decade. Ann serves on the Affiliate's Race Committee and is a metastatic breast cancer survivor whose story has inspired many.

The "Survivor of the Year" award was presented to Dr. Devon Webster, who is a tireless fundraiser, popular speaker at numerous Komen events and currently serves on the Affiliate's Medical Advisory Committee. Devon is a breast cancer survivor and medical oncologist with NW Cancer Specialists.

The "Strength of Many" award was presented to the Affiliate's Race Merchandise Committee, a dedicated team of volunteers who for over ten years have managed all aspects of the Komen Portland Race for the Cure's retail sales.

The "Community Partner Grantee" award was given to Harney District Hospital, whose breast health outreach project, "Breaking Barriers and Extending a Hand", serves woman living in rural areas of Harney County by providing education about breast cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and support. Their program has improved access to mammography services for Native American and underserved women living in Harney County.

The Affiliate also recognized Clear Channel Radio Group by presenting them with the "Corporate Partner of the Year" award. For over a decade, Clear Channel has provided extensive promotional support to the Affiliate, including major events such as Komen Portland Race for the Cure.

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About the Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure

The Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure—along with those who generously support us with their talent, time and resources—is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in our community. We join more than 100,000 breast cancer survivors and activists around the globe as part of the world’s largest and most progressive grassroots network fighting breast cancer. Through events like the Komen Portland Race for the Cure, we have invested **\$26 million** in local breast health and breast cancer awareness projects in 39 counties in Oregon and SW Washington since 1991. Up to 75 percent of net proceeds generated by the local Affiliate stay in Oregon and SW Washington while the remaining income goes to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Award and Research Grant Programs supporting research, awards and educational and scientific programs around the world. Join us by calling 503.552.9160 or visiting us online at www.komenoregon.org.

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. Thanks to events like the Komen Race for the Cure, we have invested nearly \$1 billion to fulfill our promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world. For more information about Susan G. Komen for the Cure, breast health or breast cancer, visit www.komen.org or call 1-800 I’M AWARE.

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