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**Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Awards More Than \$1.4 Million  
in 2008-2009 Grants**

Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate hosts Community Partners' Luncheon, April 30th, 2008, at The Governor Hotel.

**Portland, Ore. — April 23, 2008** — Expecting to aid tens of thousands of women and men in Oregon and SW Washington who are medically underserved, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Oregon & SW Washington Affiliate is awarding more than \$1.4 million in grants this year to Oregon and SW Washington organizations providing breast cancer education, screening and support services. Funding for these programs comes from the Komen Race for the Cure®, individual giving, corporate partners and other area fundraisers.

Organizations located throughout Oregon and SW Washington will be celebrated at the Community Partners' Luncheon on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at The Governor Hotel. Dr. Dwight Randle, Senior Scientific Advisor for Susan G. Komen for the Cure® will be the special guest speaker talking about "Rewriting the Story of Breast Cancer Disparities." Laural Porter, with KGW Newschannel8, will emcee the luncheon program showcasing the Affiliate's Mission in Action.

Twenty-eight organizations throughout Oregon and SW Washington will be awarded a total of \$678,619 in Screening, Community and Transportation Grants, which will help provide services to more than 21,000 men and women who are medically underserved due to challenges such as language and cultural barriers, financial difficulties and transportation issues. Support services are also provided to women going through treatment and survivors. Community Grants were given to organizations that support diverse demographics including Native American, Asian, Hispanic and Russian communities, as well as rural communities. Given the generosity of Safeway, their customers and employees, this year twelve local community organizations are being funded specifically from the proceeds of the 2007 state-wide October Breast Cancer Campaign.

Of the \$1.4M, \$780,000 was given to the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, and the Washington Breast and Cervical Health Program. The Oregon and Washington breast health screening programs serve low-income, uninsured or underinsured women over 40 years of age, helping to provide mammograms and other diagnostic services. Komen also has funded a special program in its service area for women younger than 40 years of age with breast cancer symptoms.

“The medically underserved population of Oregon and SW Washington is vast,” said Christine McDonald, Executive Director, Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate. “Komen Community Partners make it possible for us to effectively communicate the message of early detection, support, and hope to the communities that we serve throughout Oregon and SW Washington. Without our Komen Community Partners, we simply couldn’t reach those most in need. These organizations are to be celebrated for their outstanding work in the fight against breast cancer.”

More than 182,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in the United States this year, and the Pacific Northwest has the highest rate of breast cancer in the country. The disease exerts an enormous impact on families, workplaces and the health care system. If detected at its earliest stage, women have a greater than 98% five-year survival rate.

### **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 more than \$1 billion to fulfill our promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world.

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate was founded in 1991 by a group of individuals committed to the vision of a world without breast cancer. The local Affiliate serves Oregon and SW Washington, and is the only non-profit serving Oregon and SW Washington that focuses solely on breast cancer. Seventy-five percent of dollars raised in Oregon and SW Washington go to fund local community grant programs, survivor support services and vital screening. The remaining 25 percent fuels research grants on an unprecedented national level. For more information, visit: [www.komenoregon.org](http://www.komenoregon.org).

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