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Local Susan G. Komen Affiliate acquires new board member

DATELINE – April 10, 2009 – The Oregon & SW Washington Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® proudly announces Dr. Nathalie Johnson as the newest addition to the Affiliate Board of Directors. Dr. Johnson has been involved with the Affiliate since 1993 when she served as Honorary Race Chair for the Komen Portland Race for the Cure®. Since then, she has also spoken at the Affiliate's annual Breast Cancer Issues™ Conference and Survivor Celebration Luncheon.

Dr. Johnson's is dedicated to helping women with breast cancer. Approximately 80% of her practice consists of caring for women with the disease. She brings a unique perspective to the board with her specialized medical knowledge of breast cancer, and is widely acclaimed for her passion to discover a cure, as well as for her compassionate and caring nature. Her significant professional accomplishments include being presented with the Compassionate Physician Award in 2007 by the organization Breast Friends, being a member of the American Board of Surgery, the Oregon Medical Board, and the Northwest Health Foundation. Additionally she has led clinical research in breast and colon cancer that has resulted in significant strides toward an eventual cure. Dr. Johnson jokes that in addition to the important work she does with breast cancer patients, she also continues removing gall bladders and appendixes so that when a cure is found, she will still have a job! The Oregon & SW Washington Susan G. Komen Affiliate looks forward to working with Dr. Johnson, and anticipates her invaluable contributions to the board.

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 Komen Race for the Cure, we have invested \$1.15 million in local breast health and breast cancer awareness projects in 39 counties. Up to 75 percent of net proceeds generated by the Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate stay in the local area while the remaining income goes to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Award and Research Grant Programs supporting research,

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awards and educational and scientific programs around the world. Join us by calling 1-800-404-8241 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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