



**MARYLAND ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE FUNDING FOR INNOVATIVE BREAST CANCER PROGRAMS FROM THE MARYLAND AFFILIATE OF SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE®**

*Komen Grant Award Event to Recognize and Announce This Year's Recipients at Reginald F. Lewis Museum in Baltimore*

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**BALTIMORE, MD** (April 15, 2010) – Today the Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® proudly announces its grant recipients for fiscal year 2010 at the first annual Komen Grant Award Event, held at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum. This year's grants total more than \$2.2 million and are being awarded to 27 programs across the state of Maryland.

The more than \$2.2 in Komen Maryland Grants will support a variety of innovative programs that offer a comprehensive range of breast health services, ranging from screening and treatment to support services across the state of Maryland. Additionally, 25% of funds from Komen Maryland go toward funding national research. This year Komen Maryland has earmarked \$800,000 for local and national breast cancer research. That means Komen Maryland has dedicated over \$3 million dollars to fighting breast cancer this year!

“The Komen Maryland Affiliate, granted almost \$2.2 million to 27 community programs across the state in 2010.” said Robin Prothro, Executive Director. “The grant cycle was very competitive this year. We are very pleased to have provided funding to five new programs that reach priority areas and populations including, Baltimore City, the Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland. We are confident that through the work of each of these programs more Maryland women will receive mammograms and women

undergoing treatment as well as their families will receive medical care, support and access to cutting edge clinical trials.”

Many programs aid women undergoing treatment and support the underserved families of these individuals who may have language and cultural barriers, financial difficulties and transportation issues. These programs help to overcome the cultural, social, educational and financial obstacles that prevent individuals from receiving life-saving treatment.

Several programs are focused on niche communities like Wicomico County Health Department’s initiative aimed at educating Hispanic women about breast cancer. Others include programs such as Mercy Medical Center’s “Be Well Stay Healthy” program. The program is aimed at educating all breast cancer survivors, families and women at risk about the disease and coping with the future.

The \$2.2 million in funding for grants is made possible through the generous contributions and local community support of Komen Maryland events such as the annual Susan G. Komen Maryland Race for the Cure® that takes place each October in Hunt Valley.

An estimated 194,280 new cases of breast cancer were diagnosed in women in the United States in 2009 alone. Maryland is ranked fifth in the nation for breast cancer related deaths, further justifying the urgent need for Maryland women and their families to be aware of breast cancer prevention and organizations, like the grantee recipients of the Komen Maryland Grants that continue to fight for the cure.

For more information about Komen Maryland’s current grant programs visit:

[http://www.komenmd.org/site/c.ddJIKPNnFkG/b.2562657/k.6249/About\\_our\\_Grant\\_Partners.htm](http://www.komenmd.org/site/c.ddJIKPNnFkG/b.2562657/k.6249/About_our_Grant_Partners.htm)

### **About Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and the Komen Maryland Affiliate**

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever, and in 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. The Maryland Affiliate is part of the world’s largest and most progressive grassroots network fighting breast cancer. Through events like the Komen Maryland Race for the Cure®, Komen Maryland has invested \$25 million in community breast cancer programs since 1993. Up to 75 percent of net proceeds generated by the Affiliate stays in Maryland. The remaining 25 percent funds national breast cancer research, often taking place at Maryland institutions. For more information, call 410-938-8990 or visit

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