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**Breast Cancer Funding Opportunities from
the Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®**

*Komen Maryland announces availability of approximately \$2 million in grant funding
for Maryland organizations*

(Baltimore –August 5, 2010) The Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure is proud to announce the release of our Request for Applications for grant funding in 2011-12. Last year, Komen Maryland awarded over \$2 million to 27 breast cancer programs across the state. Grants will be made to support collaborative and innovative programs to reduce breast cancer disparities and mortality across Maryland.

Komen Maryland strongly encourages applications that provide new or expanded projects that:

- **Increase breast cancer awareness and screening** in African-American women, especially in Baltimore City, Charles County and the Lower Eastern Shore.
- **Increase breast cancer screening** through use of population specific outreach workers to provide patient navigation services to the under and uninsured.
- **Address the barriers to screening** for the medically underserved, low-income, and uninsured of all ethnicities.

Specific programs considered for funding in rank order will include:

1. Outreach and screening support
2. Funding for screening and diagnostic services
3. Clinical trial recruitment
4. Provider Education (concerning CBE and screening recommendations)
5. Treatment and support of patients and survivors

Nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies, and educational institutions in Maryland, with the exception of Prince George's and Montgomery counties, are eligible to apply. Three different large grants with awards from \$75,000-\$150,000 are available. Screening, Treatment and Education Program (STEP) grants fund outreach, screening, treatment and program needs related to breast cancer. Clinical Trial Enrollment (CTE) grants address the need for more funding directed towards clinical trials and participation at the local level. Lastly, Make a Difference (MAD) grants are available for organizations in Baltimore City, the Eastern Shore, Western and Southern Maryland.

The deadline for applications is November 15, 2010.

Komen Maryland offers free grant writing workshops across the state for those interested in applying for funds. For more information about workshops and to obtain the Request for Applications, please go to www.komenmd.org or contact Rebecca McCoy at 410-938-8990.

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