



**SAN ANTONIO AFFILIATE OF SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE®
AWARDS \$850,000 IN COMMUNITY GRANTS TO EDUCATE, SAVE LIVES**

[San Antonio – July 27, 2010] – Determined to save lives and end breast cancer forever, the San Antonio Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure has awarded nine grants totaling \$850,000 to screening, treatment and education programs providing breast cancer services in Bexar County. Additionally, the Affiliate has invested \$150,000 in breast cancer research through the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Grants Program to energize science to find the cures.

With the current economic uncertainty and increasing unemployment, the number of uninsured and/or underinsured is growing. The Affiliate Grants Program is designed to fill the gaps and remove barriers to breast health care. The community's support of Komen and the work the Affiliate does in San Antonio is now more necessary than ever.

"The Affiliate is pleased to award nine grants totaling \$850,000 to help uninsured and underserved individuals receive life-saving breast cancer screening, treatment and education," said Niki Simpson, executive director of the Komen San Antonio Affiliate. "Through Komen supported programs we are ensuring quality care for many who would otherwise have difficulty accessing services in our community."

The monies awarded were raised primarily through the Susan G. Komen San Antonio Race for the Cure®. With community support, this year's grants specifically address breast cancer screening including clinical breast exams, mammograms and biopsies (47%); treatment such as surgery, chemotherapy and radiation (21%); treatment support including counseling services, transportation, diet and nutrition classes (21%); and breast health education (11%).

Since 1997, the Affiliate has invested more than \$7.5 million in local breast health and breast cancer programs in Bexar County and an additional \$4.1 million in breast cancer research.

About Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and the Komen San Antonio Affiliate

Susan G. Komen for the Cure began in 1982 as a promise between Nancy G. Brinker and her sister Susan G. Komen who died from breast cancer at age 36. Komen has invested **\$1.5 billion** in breast cancer research and community outreach programs, becoming one of the largest global sources of funds fighting breast cancer. Established in 1997, Komen San Antonio Affiliate has invested more than **\$10 million**. Seventy-five percent supports local nonprofit programs providing vital breast cancer screening, treatment and education right here in San Antonio. The remaining 25 percent goes to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Grants Program for groundbreaking breast cancer research and scientific programs around the world.

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