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SUSAN G. KOMEN® ORANGE COUNTY HOSTED SECOND ANNUAL METASTATIC BREAST CANCER CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS ADVANCEMENTS IN RESEARCH AND CARE

Leading Researchers, Physicians and Patients Gathered to Discuss Key Findings in the Fight Against Breast Cancer

IRVINE, Calif., (March 3, 2020) – On Sunday, March 1, Susan G. Komen Orange County hosted its second annual Metastatic Breast Cancer Conference at the University of California, Irvine, where more than 200 attendees, guest speakers, volunteers, and healthcare providers gathered to hear leading researchers and physicians describe the latest advancements in research and care. The conference also offered those living with Metastatic Breast Cancer, also known as Stage IV breast cancer, an opportunity to discuss the challenges and adversity they frequently face.

“This year’s conference allowed those living with Metastatic Breast Cancer, their caregivers, physicians, researchers and more the chance to gather as one and celebrate the successes made in research and in improving quality of life, while addressing the issues that still plague the community,” said Susan G. Komen Orange County CEO Megan Klink. “Stage IV breast cancer affects over 1,000 women in Orange County alone. Our team is on a mission to fund the lifesaving research that will, one day, allow us to see a world without breast cancer.”

At this year’s conference, attendees listened as Dr. Adam Soloff, Ph.D (University of Pittsburgh), delivered a powerful keynote address discussing cutting-edge Immunotherapy treatment and discoveries aimed at targeting breast cancer metastasis. Plus, a panel of local esteemed oncologists Dr. Wade Smith MD, Oncologist, City of Hope, Orange County; Jose Carillo, MD, Neuro- Oncologist, St. Jude Medical Center; Ronald Tang, MD, Oncologist, Breastlink; and Farshid Dayyani, MD, Oncologist, Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, UCI, highlighted some major research breakthroughs in breast cancer metastasis, discussed on-going clinical trial opportunities for remission and provided insights on what to expect in the future of Metastatic Breast Cancer treatment development.

Sandi Spivey of Laguna Niguel, who has been living with MBC for over two decades, shared her story of perseverance and offered advice to other women living with the disease. “I’ve been living with metastatic breast cancer for 21 years. I was told I had a 90% chance of dying within three years of my prognosis,” she shared. “In 1998, there were only seven lines of therapy available for people living with MBC. Today, as we have learned at this conference, there are more than 100 therapies in clinical trials and more research is on the horizon. A difference is being made, and we need to continue our work to better aid the 155,000 men and women currently living with this deadly disease.”

This event was sponsored by Pfizer, Amgen Oncology, UCI Health Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, City of Hope Orange County, Memorial Care, and Seattle Genetics.

About Susan G. Komen® Orange County

Susan G. Komen Orange County is helping fuel research, advocate for patients and support people facing breast cancer locally through a variety of direct patient-centered services and by collaborating with

area providers to remove barriers and connect people to needed care across the county. For more information, call 714-957-9157 or visit komenoc.org

About Susan G. Komen®

Susan G. Komen® is the world's leading nonprofit breast cancer organization, working to save lives and end breast cancer forever. Komen has an unmatched, comprehensive 360-degree approach to fighting this disease across all fronts and supporting millions of people in the U.S. and in countries worldwide. We advocate for patients, drive research breakthroughs, improve access to high-quality care, offer direct patient support and empower people with trustworthy information. Founded by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy's life, Komen remains committed to supporting those affected by breast cancer today, while tirelessly searching for tomorrow's cures.

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