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SUSAN G. KOMEN® ORANGE COUNTY HONORS BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS AT ANNUAL SURVIVOR CELEBRATION AND AWARDS LUNCHEON

Event Recognized Mission Viejo Resident As 'Most Inspirational Breast Cancer Survivor'

IRVINE, Calif., (August, 7, 2019)- Susan G. Komen Orange County recently held its annual Survivor Celebration and Award Luncheon on August 3 at the Oasis Senior Center in Corona Del Mar, where more than 130 survivors, co-survivors and supporters gathered together in solidarity to recognize the brave men and women affected by breast cancer.

The event honored Mission Viejo resident Angelique Fong as the “Most Inspirational Breast Cancer Survivor” for her strength and courage as she continues her second fight with breast cancer. Fong spoke about her mother, who was diagnosed with breast cancer at 47 and one of the reasons Fong initially got involved in Susan G. Komen Orange County. Fong also confronted the obstacles she has faced--and still faces saying that early detection – for both of her cases - was key when it came to her surgery, treatment and a good prognosis.

“After my first battle with breast cancer, I became more involved with Komen OC as a volunteer and mentor,” said Fong. “I was obviously drawn to their mission, but I was also impressed with the work that this relatively small group of passionate and talented individuals was able to accomplish. I love that 75% of funds raised stay right here in our community, and the other 25% goes toward national research initiatives.”

The patio luncheon also featured a hat parade and contest as well as a presentation from Keynote Speaker, Rebecca Hultquist, a 14-year breast cancer survivor and the Chair of the 2019 Orange County MORE THAN PINK Walk™.

Every day in Orange County five women are diagnosed with breast cancer and one woman will die from the disease. This is unacceptable. Susan G. Komen Orange County hosts this annual luncheon to unite the greater Orange County community in the fight against breast cancer. You, too, have the power to change lives. Give support to someone living with breast cancer by joining inspirational survivors, like Angelique, and registering for the MORE THAN PINK Walk™ on Sunday, September 22 at Fashion Island (starting at the Pacific Life Insurance Company Building) via komenoc.org/walk.

About Susan G. Komen® and Komen Orange County

Susan G. Komen is the world’s largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. Komen has set a Bold Goal to reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths by 50 percent in the U.S. by 2026. Komen was founded in 1982 by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy’s life. Komen Orange County is working to better the lives of those that face

breast cancer in the local community. Through events like the Komen Orange County MORE THAN PINK Walk™, Komen Orange County has invested more than \$42 million in community breast health programs and has helped contribute to the more than \$920 million invested globally in research. For more information, visit komenoc.org.

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