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SUSAN G. KOMEN® ORANGE COUNTY ANNOUNCES 2020 GRANT PARTNERS TO INCREASE BREAST HEALTH SERVICES AND ACCESS TO CARE FOR ORANGE COUNTY WOMEN

Nearly \$500,000 to be Distributed to 8 Local Organizations Positively Impacting Women's Health

IRVINE, Calif., (March 18, 2020) – Susan G. Komen Orange County, or Komen OC, the second largest Komen affiliate in the nation and trusted local resource that works to improve access to breast cancer screening, diagnostic and support services for low income and marginalized populations, recently announced its grant partners for 2020. Komen OC will be providing nearly \$500,000 to 8 local organizations working to positively impact women's health.

Komen OC's community grant program is designed to make systemic, lasting change in communities throughout Orange County; enabling nonprofit organizations to implement innovative, culturally appropriate, and comprehensive breast health programs in communities where women and men live, work, play and worship.

CEO of Komen OC Megan Klink emphasized the organization's commitment to its community grant partners, specifically during the trying times brought on by increasing COVID-19 precautions. "We are fully supporting our community partners who are on the front lines in the fight against breast cancer," she said. "During this public health crisis, that means giving them the grace and the space to prioritize care and operations around preventing coronavirus spread and having flexible timelines around meeting grant deliverables."

Klink also noted Komen OC's shift to connect the greater breast cancer community and continue improving access to health care and support services. "Our community partnerships will enable further developments in areas such as patient navigation, vital breast health services such as mammography's, and access to clinical breast exams and screenings," Klink said. With these changes, the organization's impact remains strong with the support of community organizations. "We take our commitments to community organizations seriously and are proud to continue to support these partners in the fight against breast cancer."

Komen OC's 2020 community partners address a wide range of needs in breast cancer prevention, detection, treatment and education; specifically, among populations challenged by lack of awareness and education, barriers to insurance, fear, cultural limitations or social stigma and barriers to care caused by lack of insurance or income to cover screenings or treatment.

Komen OC's 2020 Community Partners include:

- Breast Cancer Solutions
- Share Our Selves Corporation
- YWCA of North Orange County
- Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties, Inc.
- North Orange County Regional Health Foundation
- Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation
- Korean Community Services, Inc.
- AltaMed Health Services Corporation

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.

About Susan G. Komen® Orange County

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

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