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**Los Angeles County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen®
Announces Current Grant Recipients for 2014-15 Fiscal Year
17% Funding Increase Over 2013-14**

Los Angeles, CA – May 13, 2014—The Los Angeles County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen is proud to announce funding for 14 LA County community-based breast health programs that provide diagnostic services, patient navigation and patient/survivor support to Los Angelinos in need.

The selection of grants reflects Komen LA's mission of funding culturally appropriate programs that close the gap in breast cancer disparities for underserved individuals living in Los Angeles County. Komen LA County increased funding by 17% over last year, enabling expanded support services. New programs funded include a medical translation service (PALS for Health), a legal service (Cancer Legal Resource Center) and a food assistance program (Project Angel Food). This year, programs will provide for over 3,500 vital breast cancer services to over 2,300 individuals.

KOMEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFFILIATE GRANTS AWARDED 2014-2015

(Geographically listed)

Detailed descriptions of each program can be found online at <http://bit.ly/11NP1Zg>

LA COUNTY

Project Angel Food will be able to serve the primary source of food to individuals who are disabled and struggling with breast cancer and its ramifications on their health and lifestyles.

LA COUNTY

Project Language Access for Support in Treatment (Project LAST) will implement a treatment support project to provide face-to-face medical interpretation services to monolingual and limited English proficient women countywide that face language barriers.

LA METRO

California Hospital Medical Center (CHMC) Foundation will receive support for the breast diagnostic program for symptomatic women and men under 40 at the Los Angeles Center for Women's Health (LACWH), a multi-specialty outpatient department of California Hospital Medical Center.

LA METRO

The Saban Clinic project will provide breast care services and navigation for low-income women and men who do not qualify for publicly funded cancer detection programs.

LA METRO

Los Angeles County + USC Medical Center (LAC+USC) has among the highest rate of uninsured women seeking healthcare who tend to present with later stage breast cancers. A native-Spanish speaking patient navigator will provide real-time "flight control" of patients at any stage in their cancer continuum.

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POMONA

Pomona and neighboring communities will continue to provide diagnostic ultrasounds, diagnostic mammograms and biopsies for low-income women who do not qualify for publicly funded programs.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Glendale Memorial/The Marcia Ray Breast Center will provide funding for its diagnostic breast program, which provides diagnostic breast imaging, and follow-up services for symptomatic women and men under the age of 40 living in Los Angeles County.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Henry Mayo will provide excellent diagnostic images or tissue analysis for young women and men since there are no state funded programs that exist for this age group.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, LA METRO

OAPICA's Thai Women's Health Project will serve at least 125 low income, underserved Thai women with patient navigation services to improve their access to breast health and breast cancer treatment services.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Herald Cancer Association (HCA) will implement the RESTART Project to assist recent Chinese American breast cancer patients/survivors in achieving optimal overall physical and emotional health.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, LA METRO, EAST LA,

Cancer Support Community-Santa Monica will provide two Spanish-language breast cancer support groups at White Memorial Medical Center (WMMC) for primarily monolingual Spanish-speaking Latinas with any stage of breast cancer and their families. The goal of the program is to empower the women to take an active role in their physical and emotional recoveries from breast cancer.

SOUTH BAY

St. Mary Medical Center's Uninsured Breast Cancer Diagnostic Program will continue to provide diagnostic exams and procedures for uninsured symptomatic women under 40 and uninsured symptomatic men, of all ethnicities, residing in Los Angeles County.

SOUTH BAY, SOUTH LA

Cancer Legal Resource Center of the Disability Rights Legal Center will improve access to CLRC services to women of color who are coping with breast cancer-related legal issues. This program will host counseling sessions with information and resources plus provide their unique Telephone Assistance Line. Callers will receive assistance from legal professionals providing in-depth exploration of specific legal issues faced by those who are uninsured, underinsured, or facing barriers to care.

SOUTH LA, EAST LA

Sister Friend by the Sisters Breast Cancer Survivor Network agency (SBCSN) addresses the psychosocial concerns of women newly diagnosed or are in their survivor phase of breast cancer. The SBCSN will increase awareness around breast cancer in the African American community.

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About the Los Angeles County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen

Komen LA County is a local charity serving the communities of Los Angeles County and an Affiliate of Susan G. Komen, 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.

Seventy-five percent of Komen LA's net income funds grants to local hospitals and community health organizations serving uninsured and underinsured women and men in Los Angeles County. To date, the Affiliate has raised over \$10 million for community-based grants to local LA County health organizations. Through these grants, Komen LA County provides crucial funding for breast cancer diagnostic services, educational programs, patient navigation, and psychosocial support. The remaining 25 percent supports Susan G. Komen's national grants program which has provided more than \$1.6 billion in funding to screening, education, treatment and psychosocial support programs serving millions of people in more than 30 countries worldwide. Komen was founded by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy's life.

The Affiliate's signature event is the Komen Los Angeles County Race for the Cure®, which will next be held in March 2015 (exact date TBD) at Dodger Stadium. Komen Los Angeles County's offices are located at 9841 Airport Boulevard, Suite 800, LA, 90045. Visit KomenLACounty.org or call 310-573-3011. Connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/komenla, and on Twitter and Instagram @KomenLA.

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