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SUSAN G. KOMEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

Los Angeles, CA... Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County's Community Grant Program funded essential health services for 4,575 unduplicated people during the grant period between April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

This year the Komen Los Angeles County Affiliate Community Grant Program funded:

A total of **4,575** unduplicated people were provided with essential health services through the Susan G. Komen Los Angeles Community Grant Program during the grant period April 1st, 2015 - March 31st, 2016.

1,556 people were provided with **diagnostic services**.

3,185 individuals were given **patient navigation services**.

623 people received **psychosocial support**.

Diagnostic services are the tests designed to confirm or rule out cancer when a patient is symptomatic of breast cancer or screening tests yield abnormal results. Such services include diagnostic mammograms, ultrasounds, fine needle aspirations, and biopsies.

Patient navigation is a process by which a patient navigator guides patients around barriers through the cancer care system to help ensure timely diagnosis and treatment. There are many different types of barriers addressed by patient navigators including transportation, financial, cultural, language, and fear.

Psychosocial support services promote mental and social health and reduce psychosocial concerns and stress during the different stages of cancer. These programs often take the form of a support group for patients, survivors, and/or co-survivors.

Through Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County's community grants program, the organization changed the lives of many individuals in the community.

"Recently, the staff had a 29 year-old African American patient who had a lump and had been putting off visiting a physician for a long time. She suspected that the lump was cancerous, but eventually wanted confirmation for her own needs. By the time she was referred to the Women's Health Center for diagnosis, the pathology results did indeed confirm her suspicion. She was grateful to the staff for their care and that her diagnostic procedures were covered with the Under 40 Diagnostic Program because she didn't want her medical care to negatively impact her family's limited income. She was immediately transferred to City of Hope for treatment."

–St. Mary's Medical Center shared:

"It is hard having cancer, there are so many appointments, but when the interpreter is present, all my concerns are heard and my questions answered."

– A receiver of PALS interpretation services

"...she now has a voice, and is not just another cancer patient, isolated in a small office, away from the rest of the world."

–Cancer Support Community Santa Monica support group participant

"I have no words to thank the foundation, Komen, for paying for my ultra sound. I am very grateful. You are a blessing in my life because I can't pay for these exams on my own."

–Mammogram Patient

"Thank you to this foundation for taking me in and helping me pay the cost of my exam. My son is four years old and he still needs his mother and I am just grateful to Valley Breast Cancer and Women's Health Center for helping me without a cost."

–Ultrasound Patient

"Thank you for being there for me when it seemed no one was there. I can say to all people I meet that you are top of the line when it comes to your services and care. Thank you!"

–Patient from Valley Breast Care

"I was in need of a mammogram because of lumps found in my breast. Due to recent loss of insurance coverage I needed low cost or free coverage. After searching online for low cost mammograms I was able to find Valley Breast Care. The caring staff was able to help me set up an exam and mammogram. I am thankful to the Komen Foundation because they were able to cover the cost needed for the exam and the mammogram. You put my worries to rest in providing help, thank you."

–Patient from Valley Breast Care