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SUSAN G. KOMEN® WISCONSIN AWARDS \$1,040,788 IN NEW COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR LOCAL BREAST CANCER SERVICES

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN- APRIL 6, 2017 - Susan G. Komen Wisconsin is pleased to announce it will grant \$1,040,788 throughout the next year. To help achieve Susan G. Komen's bold goal to reduce current breast cancer deaths by 50 percent in the U.S. by 2026, Komen Wisconsin annually funds local projects to help meet the most critical needs of the community, including projects that provide vitally needed breast cancer screening, diagnostic and treatment services and support, including patient navigation, education, medical supplies and financial assistance.

Eleven organizations in Wisconsin will offer programs that reach the most vulnerable populations in the region, including rural, underinsured, and uninsured men and women. These programs help to ensure access to breast education and services that can lead to early detection of breast cancer.

"We are so thankful for the friends, family and neighbors who fight alongside us, helping to reduce the number of breast cancer deaths in Wisconsin, both on the ground and through research," said Gloria Singleton-Young, Komen Wisconsin Mission Manager. "We could not fund these lifesaving programs without the strong support and commitment we receive from these individuals and organizations."

The awarded programs selected for funding underwent a competitive application and independent review process. For more information on Komen Wisconsin community grantees, click <u>here</u>.

This year's local Komen grants were awarded to:

- Ascension Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare St. Francis, Su Salud/Your Health Program
- Ascension Wheaton Franciscan St. Joseph, Phenomenal Women Program
- Aspirus Women's Health, Breast Screening and Diagnostic Program

- Aurora Health Care, Walker's Point Breast Health Outreach Program
- Columbia St. Mary's Foundation, Mammography Mobile Outreach Project (MMOP)
- Milwaukee Consortium for Hmong Health, Healthy Asian American Women
- Muslim Community and Health Center, reducing Breast Cancer Mortality Among Women With Cultural, Linguistic and Access Barriers
- ProHealth Care Foundation, Breast Health Care Education and Screening
- Public Health Madison & Dane County, Komen Treatment Access Fund Southcentral WI
- University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee, Partners in Pursuit of the Promise
- Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, Komen Southeast Wisconsin Breast Health Assistance Fund by Kohl's Cares

Since 1999, Komen Wisconsin has funded \$17.9 million to community projects serving local women and men, while contributing \$6.9 million to Komen's national grants program.

About Susan G. Komen and Komen Wisconsin

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 Wisconsin is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the local community. Through events like the Komen Southcentral Wisconsin, Southeast Wisconsin, and Central Wisconsin Race for the Cure®, Komen Wisconsin has invested \$17.9 million in community breast health programs in 22 counties and has helped contribute to the more than \$920 million invested globally in research. For more information, call 414-389-4888 or visit komenwisconsin.org.