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**2,000 COLORADO WOMEN TO BENEFIT FROM \$1 MILLION IN SAFETY-NET FUNDING
FROM SUSAN G. KOMEN® COLORADO FOR BREAST CANCER CARE**

***Komen affiliate estimates annual grants will meet half of need among Coloradans who can't
afford co-pays, cost-sharing for breast cancer services***

April 19, 2016 – Denver, Colorado – Susan G. Komen® Colorado announced today that revenues raised by the 2015 Ride for the Cure® Snowmass/Aspen, 2015 Race for the Cure® Denver, Pink Tie Affair™ in Denver, and 2016 Snowshoe for the Cure in Frisco, enabled the organization to award \$1 million in grants to provide safety-net breast cancer care for Coloradans in need. Event proceeds enabled the organization to contribute \$450,000 toward national and international breast cancer research programs administered by its parent organization, Dallas-based Susan G. Komen®.

“Thanks to the generosity of thousands of Coloradans who joined us for Ride for the Cure Snowmass/Aspen, Race for the Cure and Pink Tie Affair in Denver, and Snowshoe for the Cure in Frisco, Komen Colorado can once again partner with local health care clinics, hospitals, and community-based organizations that provide access to life-saving breast cancer care for Colorado women and their families,” said CEO Keri Kallaway.

“This year, the \$1 million in grants awarded by Komen Colorado will be able to help 2,000 women who cannot afford the cost of a mammogram – as well as pay for follow-up diagnostic tests in the event of an abnormal screening result, and help offset the costs of surgery, chemotherapy, or radiation for women and men diagnosed with the disease who have no other resources,” Kallaway said. “However, the full need in our community will not be met. Based on estimates of need provided by our community partners that applied for grants this year, we estimate an additional 2,000 women will still be unable to afford a mammogram – putting them at risk of not having access to the best tool available to detect breast cancer at its earliest stages.”

When detected early, breast cancer is a survivable disease: The 5-year survivorship rate is 99% for women diagnosed with breast cancer at its earliest stages, before it has spread beyond the breast. At this stage, there are more treatment options, including less invasive and less costly options than what is recommended if breast cancer is diagnosed at an advanced stage. When breast cancer is diagnosed at an advanced stage, the 5-year survivorship rate drops to just 26%.

“Despite tremendous advances that have been made in access to care and understanding how to treat breast cancer, far too women still die from the disease,” Kallaway said. “In fact, 560 women in Colorado will die from breast cancer in 2016 alone. Komen Colorado is committed to working with our local grant partners, supporters, and community leaders to ensure more women have access to medically accurate information about risk of this disease and the tools to diagnose it early.”

2016 Komen Colorado Community Grant Partners

Breast Cancer Screening & Diagnostic Care

- Aspen Valley Hospital
- Clinica Colorado
- Colorado Community Health Network, in partnership with:



- Clinica Family Health Services
- Clinica Tepeyac
- Metro Community Provider Network
- Mountain Family Health Centers
- Salud Family Health Centers
- Sheridan Health Services
- Summit Community Care Clinic
- Sunrise Community Health
- Community Health Services
- Denver Health
- Grand River Health
- Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains
- SCL Saint Joseph Hospital Breast Care Center and Mobile Mammography Project
- Yuma District Hospital

Surgery, Chemotherapy, Radiation for Treatment of Breast Cancer

- Denver Health
- Grand River Health
- Poudre Valley Health System Foundation / University of Colorado Health - North
- Saint Anthony Health Foundation
- Saint Joseph Hospital at Caritas Clinic

Medically Accurate Education about Breast Cancer Risk & Navigation into Care

- Clinica Tepeyac
- Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice
- Colorado Foundation for Public Health & Environment, in partnership with:
 - CREA Results
- Native American Cancer Research

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Denver-based Susan G. Komen® Colorado has invested more than \$42 million into 100+ Colorado-based non-profit health clinics, hospitals and community-based organizations to provide life-saving breast cancer care to those in need in 22 counties (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Jefferson, Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Park, Phillips, Pitkin, Sedgwick, Summit, Washington, Weld, and Yuma). Komen Colorado's local investments have provided Coloradans with more than:

- 29,700 clinical breast exams;
- 47,500 mammograms;
- 19,300 diagnostic tests diagnosing 540 breast cancers; and
- 1,800 treatment services (surgery, chemotherapy, radiation).

In addition, the organization has raised nearly \$15.2 million for ground-breaking research to understand risk-factors for the disease, treatment protocols, how the disease metastasizes, and evidence-based interventions to increase survivorship. Learn more at www.komencolorado.org.

Dallas-based 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. Since its founding in 1982, Komen has funded more than \$889 million in research and provided \$1.95 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. Visit komen.org or call 1-877 GO KOMEN. Connect with us on social at ww5.komen.org/social.