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Susan G. Komen Colorado Announces Interim CEO

Long-time supporter and three-time breast cancer survivor Cindy Bolin agrees to serve and lead the organization forward through a time of transition

Susan G. Komen Colorado's board of directors is pleased to confirm the appointment of Cindy Bolin as its new Interim Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, effective October 24, 2016.

Three weeks ago, the organization accepted the resignation of the former CEO, Keri Kallaway. Kallaway served from March 2016 through September 2016. Komen Colorado is grateful to Kallaway for her time, efforts and the passion she brought to advancing the mission of the organization.

Cindy Bolin has been a friend to Susan G. Komen for more than twenty years. She was first exposed to the disease at the tender age of six when her grandmother lost her fight. Bolin's connection to the cause was already strong, but it took on new meaning when she was diagnosed with breast cancer at the young age of 27 – facing the first of what would be three bouts with the disease. In between her first and second diagnosis, Cindy also supported her mother through her own battle with breast cancer.

Today, Bolin is proud to be a thriving three-time cancer survivor, dedicated wife and mother to a seven-year-old daughter. She selflessly stepped forward when she learned of the gap that needed to be filled at the organization.

“The Komen Colorado board of directors, staff and volunteers across the state are so pleased to have Cindy's leadership as we enter one of our busiest fundraising seasons,” says Lauren Schwartz, president of the Komen Colorado board of directors. “Through her years of service to our organization, as well as her personal philanthropy, Cindy has demonstrated her relentless commitment to our mission of providing critical services and treatment to our local community and raising funds and awareness so that we can one day realize our goal of a world free of breast cancer.”

Bolin is fueled by her personal passion to see a cure to breast cancer found in her lifetime. She has devoted years of service to the Susan G. Komen organization, as a Komen Colorado volunteer and also as a participant in Komen fundraising events in Atlanta, Austin and Houston.

Bolin was nominated to serve as the auction chair for the Komen Colorado's 2011 signature gala event, the Pink Tie Affair, raising a record \$100,000. Three years later, Cindy, along with her husband, Bret Bolin, co-chaired the Pink Tie Affair, helping the organization raise a record-breaking \$500,000. In recent years, Bolin has been named among the top fundraising group "Stars in Pink" for her impressive personal fundraising totals to support the organization's signature event, Race for the Cure™. In continuation of her commitment, Bolin has served as a member of the Komen Colorado board of directors and offered valuable insight on its fund development committee.

With a background in journalism and education, Cindy has found a true calling in successfully leading teams and driving the upward trajectory of revenue for those organizations whose mission she supports.

In addition to her work with Komen Colorado, Cindy is also an active volunteer and academy parent board member for St. Mary's Academy where her daughter attends school. Cindy holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in communications from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master's of Education degree in secondary education from the University of Houston.

"Susan G. Komen is near and dear to my heart," said Cindy Bolin. "I've worked hand-in-hand with this Affiliate for five years, and I'm honored to be able to step up during this time of transition."

Bolin will partner with the staff leadership team, made up of four program directors, to help the entire staff continue moving forward with the organization's priority initiatives. Komen Colorado's staff and its Board acted quickly to respond to change and operations have gone uninterrupted.

In the coming weeks, Komen Colorado's Board will focus its efforts on additional leadership transition planning, including next steps for a comprehensive executive search.

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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.

About Susan G. Komen®

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