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Susan G. Komen Memphis-MidSouth Mississippi to award more than \$420,000 toward local community programs for breast health services
Dr. Marjorie Hass named 2018 Race for the Cure Honorary Chairperson

MEMPHIS, TENN. (May 3, 2018) – – – The Memphis-MidSouth Mississippi Affiliate of Susan G. Komen will announce its 2018-2019 Community Grant Recipients for Memphis Metro and North Mississippi at its annual grant luncheon, to be held Friday, May 4, 2018 at the Marriott East.

The Affiliate will award 14 grants totaling more than \$420,000 to programs that provide breast health and breast cancer services in 14 counties in Tennessee and 23 in North Mississippi.

These grants bring the total given since 1993 by the Memphis-MidSouth Mississippi Affiliate of Susan G. Komen to local programs to \$10.8 million. More than \$3.2 million has been given to breast cancer research.

“These Community Grants would not be possible without the support of dedicated donors, volunteers, friends and sponsors,” Elaine Hare, CEO of Komen Memphis-MidSouth Mississippi, said. “We reach tens of thousands through our local grants and education programs; yet, when we look at the challenges still faced by women suffering from this disease, we know much work remains to be done to fulfill the promise Nancy G. Brinker made to her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, to end breast cancer forever.”

Memphis Metro and North Mississippi Grants include:

- Baptist Medical Group Memphis Breast Care: \$20,152
- Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women: \$90,500
- Church Health: \$20,400
- Methodist Healthcare Foundation: \$51,000
- STAARS (Jennie and Isiah Davis Foundation): \$6,000
- Regional One Health: \$48,000
- UHESS Carin and Sharin: \$6,000
- West Cancer Center, UT/West Institute for Cancer Research: \$51,000
- Alliance Charitable Foundation: \$15,372
- Baptist–Booneville, Columbus, New Albany, Oxford: \$47,595
- Baptist Memorial Hospital–DeSoto: \$41,500
- Good Samaritan Medical Clinic: \$4,450
- Mississippi State Department of Health: \$15,593
- Tishomingo Health Services, Inc.: \$3,000

The event also will introduce Dr. Marjorie Hass, president of Rhodes College, as Honorary Chairperson of the 2018 Memphis-MidSouth Race for the Cure. Hass herself was diagnosed with breast cancer in February 2017, just two months after accepting her new position at Rhodes College.

“I am delighted and honored to serve as Honorary Chair of the 2018 Susan G. Komen Memphis-MidSouth Race for the Cure,” Hass said in a statement. “As a breast cancer survivor and a Memphian, it is important to me that everyone in our region has affordable access to life-saving screenings and treatments. Our locally run Komen Affiliate and Race for the Cure raise significant money each year to pay for mammograms, diagnostic services, and treatment for those in need right here in our community, and they are the only breast cancer organization in our area providing such services.

“I want to be a part of that effort and support the important work of saving lives in our community.”

Since its inception in 1993, Susan G. Komen Memphis-MidSouth Mississippi has provided more than \$10.8 million for local breast cancer and breast care programs, helping to provide education, breast cancer screenings, and diagnostic and support services needed to detect and survive breast cancer.

Komen Memphis-MidSouth Mississippi works with local health care professionals and community leaders to conduct a comprehensive community needs assessment. This community profile, a standard practice of all Komen Affiliates, is then used to establish a local grant application and review process consistent with the organization’s standards and mission.

Of the funds raised by the Affiliate, 75 percent stays in the Mid-South. The remaining 25 percent goes to ground-breaking breast cancer research around the world; to date the Memphis-MidSouth Mississippi Affiliate has donated more than \$3.2 million.

The Affiliate also will present eight additional grants totaling \$75,000 for Central and South Mississippi in Jackson, Miss., at a separate event on May 4, 2018.

About Susan G. Komen® and Komen Memphis-MidSouth (komenmemphis.org)

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 was founded by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy’s life. Komen Memphis-MidSouth is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the local community. Through events like the Race for the Cure®, Komen Memphis-MidSouth has raised and invested almost \$10.5 million in community breast health programs in 21 counties in West Tennessee and North Mississippi and contributed over \$3 million to research. For more information, call 901.757.8686 or visit komenmemphis.org

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