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The Southern Arizona Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure Awards Over \$700,000 in Grants to Organizations in Southern Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz. – (March 10, 2009) The Southern Arizona Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure has given \$704,420 to local organizations that provide breast cancer support and health services. Each year grants are given to area hospitals and community organizations to provide early detection screenings, breast cancer treatment and breast health education and awareness programs. Many of these programs target the medically underserved in the six county service area of southern Arizona.

Funds for the grants are raised through events like the annual Susan G. Komen Southern Arizona Race for the Cure. About three-quarters of the net proceeds generated by the Southern Arizona Affiliate stay in Tucson and the surrounding areas. The remainder goes to the national Susan G. Komen for the Cure Research Grants Program.

“In this time of need, we’re so grateful that the generous support of the community has allowed us to maintain an unprecedented level of support,” said Southern Arizona Susan G. Komen for the Cure Executive Director Beverly Kruse. “But recent government cut backs to programs like Well Women HealthCheck mean thousands of women will go unscreened this year. So we are asking the community to mobilize and help us make up the shortfall to save the lives of women in Southern Arizona.”

Founded in 1999, the Southern Arizona Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure is a nonprofit organization working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the local community. To learn more about the affiliate, local resources and support, visit www.komensaz.org or call (520) 319-0155.

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement. Today, Komen for the Cure is the world’s largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. Thanks to events like the Komen Race for the Cure, nearly \$1 billion has been invested to fulfill the promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world. For more information about Susan G. Komen for the Cure, breast health or breast cancer, visit www.komen.org or call 1-877 GO KOMEN.

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