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More than \$775,000 provided by local Susan G. Komen to save lives and end breast cancer

The Northwest Ohio affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure will distribute more than \$775,000 this year, including \$570,000 in grants to 11 area programs on Wednesday, April 1 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Toledo Club, 235 14th Street in downtown Toledo.

The local grants will fund a variety of community-based breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for the medically underserved.

This year's local Komen grant recipients are:

Allen County Health Department, BCCP Region 3, to provide breast screening and diagnostic services to 280 low-income women who reside in Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam and Van Wert counties. (\$41,261)

Flower Hospital, to launch a new program entitled "Breast Cancer Survivorship: Living Life After Treatment" directed to 210 survivors in Lucas County. (\$39,512)

Fulton County Health Department, BCCP Region 4, to provide breast cancer screening and diagnostic services to 1,767 low-income women who reside in Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Sandusky, Wood, Williams and Monroe, MI counties. (\$100,000)

Mercy Health Partners, Metro Division, to provide breast cancer educational outreach, screening and diagnostic service for 700 women who reside in Lucas, Wood, Ottawa and Monroe, MI counties. (\$66,251)



Mercy Memorial Hospital System to provide breast cancer education, screening and diagnostic services for 400 women who reside in Monroe, MI. (\$47,861)

North Coast Cancer Foundation to provide radiation therapy for an estimated 50 underinsured patients. (\$25,000)

PathStone (formerly Rural Opportunities) to provide education, screening, transportation, translation and follow up for more than 1,000 farm workers in Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Wood and Williams Counties. (\$55,550)

Putnam County Health Department to provide breast health education and breast cancer screening services for 65 women who reside in Putnam County. (\$9,719)

Reeling & Healing, Inc. to support a fly fishing retreat for breast cancer survivors focused on healing through group sharing and support. (\$2,200)

The Victory Center, comprehensive breast cancer support group program offering patients and their caregivers a higher level of coping through the expression of feelings, fears, successes and challenges in a purposeful, professional environment. (\$5,966)

Toledo-Lucas County CareNet to provide breast cancer screening, treatment and education for more than 400 women in Lucas County. (\$20,000)

In addition to the above local grants, more than \$200,000 will help support Komen national research grants for a total of more than \$775,000 in funding by the Northwest Ohio Affiliate in for 2009-2010. These grants are made possible through the generous contributions and local community support of Komen events such as the annual Komen Race for the Cure.

A record 18,000 people helped raise funds during the September 2008 Race in Toledo. Up to 75 percent of local Race money funds local grants with the remaining dollars funding national research grants.

Nationally, Komen has invested nearly \$1 billion in the fight against breast cancer.



In order to ensure its funds make the greatest impact, Komen affiliates work with local medical experts and community leaders to conduct comprehensive community needs assessments. After a community profile has been completed it is then used to establish local grant application and review processes consistent with the Komen's standards and mission.

Breast cancer killed more than 40,000 women last year and will affect one in eight women during their lifetime. One woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes, and one woman will die of breast cancer every 13 minutes in the United States.

Komen's vision is a world without breast cancer.