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More than \$623,000 in Local Komen Grants Provided for Breast Cancer Research, Education, Screening and Treatment

The Northwest Ohio affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure will bestow grants totaling more than \$623,000 this year, including \$415,000 to nine area programs on Tuesday, 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:

- 1 The Allen County Health Department, BCCP Region 3, to provide breast screening and diagnostic services to 310 low-income women who reside in Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam and Van Wert counties. (\$50,801.04)
- 2 The Fulton County Health Department, BCCP Region 4, to provide breast cancer screening and diagnostic services to 1,759 low-income women who reside in Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Sandusky, Wood, Williams and Monroe, MI counties. (\$100,000)
- 3 Mercy Health Partners, Metro Division to provide breast cancer educational outreach, screening and diagnostic services for 500 women who reside in Lucas, Wood, Ottawa and Monroe, MI counties. (\$60,694)

- 4 Mercy Memorial Hospital System to provide breast cancer education, screening and diagnostic services for 400 women who reside in Monroe, MI. (\$59,324)
- 5 The Putnam County Health Department to provide breast health education and breast cancer screening services for 90 women who reside in Putnam County. (\$23,278)
- 6 Rural Opportunities, Inc. to provide education, screening, transportation, translation and follow-up for 1,000 farm workers in Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Wood and Williams counties. (\$55,550)
- 7 St. Luke's Hospital to provide breast cancer screening and diagnostic services to 125 uninsured women in all 18 counties. (\$15,512)
- 8 Toledo-Lucas County CareNet to provide breast cancer screening and treatment for 407 women in Lucas County. (\$19,600)
- 9 YWCA of Greater Toledo to provide breast cancer education, referrals for screening and case management services to 1,900 low-income women in Lucas County. (\$30,000)

\$20,000 will fund additional small grants for educational, screening, treatment and supportive outreach programs throughout the 18 county service area. In addition, more than \$188,000 will help fund Komen national research grants for a total of more than \$623,000 for 2008-2009 Komen Northwest Ohio funding granted. 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.

More than 16,000 people helped raise \$590,000 in September 2007 at the Race in Toledo. Up to 75 percent of that 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.