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**KOMEN CONNECTICUT RACE FOR THE CURE RAISES OVER \$980,000 TO
INVEST IN THE LOCAL FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER**

FARMINGTON – July 7, 2011 – The Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® is proud to announce the results of its 18th Annual Komen Connecticut Race for the Cure held on June 4, 2011.

You may have heard that Connecticut has the second highest incidence of breast cancer in the nation. In an effort to combat this statistic, more than **15,000 Connecticut residents**, survivors and families came to Bushnell Park on June 4th to show their support and participate in the 18th Annual Komen Connecticut Race for the Cure. Komen Connecticut's message resonated with its audience, boosting this year's Race for the Cure fundraising total to **more than \$980,000**.

"Participation and fundraising dollars are invested directly into support for local breast cancer programs throughout Connecticut," said Anne Morris, executive director of Komen Connecticut. "This event was a tremendous success- not just because of the money we raised, but the amazing atmosphere on Race Day. It truly was a celebration of survivors and their families. It's why people come out to the event, and it's why we keep our focus local."

Every dollar raised at the Race for the Cure will enable Komen Connecticut to fund more cutting-edge national research and local education, screening and treatment programs for women in need in Connecticut. Fundraising dollars really do save lives, as evidenced by the largest group of survivors present at this year's Race.

"Our Race really isn't only about the running – it's about celebrating our survivors, remembering those we've lost to the disease and fundraising to fight breast cancer in Connecticut," said Christa Allen, Chair of the 2011 Komen Connecticut Race for the Cure. "With the knowledge that Connecticut has the second highest incidence of breast cancer in the nation, we wanted to make a big impact this year, and Connecticut didn't let us down. We raised more money than ever in our history, meaning we can invest more money into programs that will make early detection a reality for everyone in the state."

The event included the Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center 5K Race, the Pratt & Whitney 4K Walk and 1.5K Walk, the Aetna Kids' Short Run and Kids' K and the Vertex Survivor Breakfast. Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman and Richard J. Graziano, president, publisher and CEO of the Hartford Courant served as this year's Honorary Chairs.

Additional highlights from the Race include:

- Matthew Simoneau of Unionville (17:03) and Melissa Stellato of Windsor (19:15) were our **top male and female finishers**, leading more than 6,380 runners and walkers in the race to end breast cancer forever.
- We were joined by Governor Dannel P. Malloy, who not only spoke on stage, but ran in the 5K!
- 343 teams participated – the most ever! The top 10 fundraising teams earned a space in the brand new Team VIP Village on Race Day!
- Pratt & Whitney (who raised more than \$22,000), Positively Pink, HER2 TEAMPATTY, and Rita Margarita’s Runners held the honor as our **top 5 overall team fundraisers**.
- Patty Fox of West Hartford was our **top individual fundraiser**, raising more than \$10,500.

About the Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Komen for the Cure’s presence in Connecticut began in 1994 with a Race for the Cure. The local organization was incorporated as an Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure in 1999. Komen Connecticut serves local communities by providing funding for research and local life-saving programs which address education, screening and treatment for Connecticut residents. In 2011, for the second year in a row, Komen Connecticut invested more than \$1 Million locally, providing funding to 19 Connecticut-based breast health programs. Since 1994, Komen for the Cure has awarded more than \$21 Million to programs in our local communities. For more information, visit KomenCT.org or call 860-321-7806.

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