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## **RIDERS AND DONORS "PONY UP" TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER**

**HAMPTON – October 12, 2011**– On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Komen Connecticut held its 2011 Ride for the Cure® at a breathtaking new venue, Twisted Tree Farm in Hampton, Connecticut. Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, the equestrian trail ride has raised over \$674,140 in support of the local fight against breast cancer.

More than 100 riders, many of them survivors, collected over \$58,000 for the Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Each rider was asked to raise \$250 to participate, committing significant funds to Connecticut's fight against breast cancer. Many riders exceeded this amount, including the event's top fundraiser, Cheryl Dauphinais, who garnered over \$7,000 for the cause.

The Ride held a special meaning for Dauphinais, a first-time participant. "The Ride for the Cure is something I've wanted to do and never had the chance, but this year was the year. I watched my grandmother suffer and fight this disease for over 10 years of my childhood. It was really important to me to raise money for a good cause and do my part," Dauphinais said.

After the event, Dauphinais felt an even stronger sense of commitment to the local fight against breast cancer. "It was an amazing event- my parents came up and were blown away. My friend, who is a 3 year survivor, was able to be there, and I rode in honor of her. It was so nice to see people happy and smiling. I will absolutely be back next year," she said.

Until we find the cures for breast cancer, early detection is the key to survival. Komen Connecticut will invest seventy-five percent of funds raised in local education, screening and treatment programs throughout the state. The remaining twenty-five percent will support national research initiatives.

**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, Komen Connecticut invested over \$1 Million locally, providing funding to 19 Connecticut 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](http://KomenCT.org) or call 860-321-7806.

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