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**CONNECTICUT AFFILIATE OF SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE PRESENTS THE 18<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL KOMEN CONNECTICUT RACE FOR THE CURE**

*Over 15,000 Connecticut Residents Expected To Gather At Bushnell Park*

**HARTFORD - June 4, 2011** - After recently announcing over \$1 Million in grants to Connecticut community-based breast cancer programs this year alone, the Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® is hosting its annual Susan G. Komen Connecticut Race for the Cure®. Today's event is part of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Series®, the world's largest and most successful education and fundraising event for breast cancer.

Honorary Chairs Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman and CT1 Media Publisher Richard Graziano join Race Chair Christa Allen, Marketing & Sponsorship Director for Westfarms Mall, to lead thousands of Connecticut residents as they take action against breast cancer in Bushnell Park. Events include the Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center 5K Race, the Pratt & Whitney 4K and 1.5K Walks, the Aetna Kids' Short Run and Kids' K, as well as the Vertex Survivor Breakfast.

"The enthusiasm and passion of our volunteers, sponsors and individual registrants and donors continues to move us forward in the fight against breast cancer," says Allen.

Fact: Connecticut has the second highest incidence of breast cancer in the nation.

Komen Connecticut supports the community each year in the form of grants to fund local education, screening and treatment programs throughout the state. This year, 19 breast health programs are receiving over \$1 Million, the second consecutive year that community based grants have exceeded \$1 Million in the organization's 18-year history. This year's community grants, combined with research grants to Connecticut organizations, bring the total invested in the state during Komen Connecticut's 18-year history to over \$21 million.

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Seventy five percent of Komen Connecticut's net revenue is used to support local breast health programs and twenty five percent funds national and local clinical research.

“The Race for the Cure presents us with an opportunity to celebrate survivorship, honor those who have lost their battles, and impact local residents by raising funds to support education, screening and treatment programs right here in our state,” said Anne Morris, executive director, Komen Connecticut. “This event is the perfect platform to empower Connecticut residents to join the breast cancer movement and fight to end breast cancer forever.”

Visit [KomenCT.org](http://KomenCT.org) for more information.

**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 \$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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