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**KOMEN CONNECTICUT ANNOUNCES CHAIRS FOR 19TH ANNUAL RACE FOR THE CURE
June 2, 2012, Bushnell Park, Hartford**

FARMINGTON – November 17, 2011 – The Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure is excited to announce that Patricia Angelica of Somers and Dawn Thomas of Wallingford have been appointed as Chairs for the 2012 Komen Connecticut Race for the Cure. Now in its 19th year, the Race will be held on Saturday, June 2nd in Hartford's Bushnell Park.

Both Angelica and Thomas have been involved in the Race for the Cure in various capacities for many years. Angelica began volunteering for the Race in 2005 when her sister, Lynn Folger, was initially diagnosed with the disease. Her involvement with Komen Connecticut quickly grew and in 2009, Tricia joined the Race planning committee, helping with the Town Captains and Sponsorship. Although Angelica's sister lost her battle with the disease more than three years ago, Tricia never forgets the reasons behind her commitment to curing breast cancer.

"Komen Connecticut is an organization that helps women, men and families across the state and I am proud to be associated with them. The Race for the Cure is more than a charity run or walk, but an "event" filled with hope, celebration, inspiration and remembrance. I am excited and honored to serve as the Race Chair this year," Angelica said.

Thomas' personal connections to the disease also sparked her involvement with Komen. She first became involved when her mother-in-law lost her battle with the disease five years ago, and her own mother was diagnosed two weeks later. After getting involved in the Race for the Cure, Thomas not only found an outlet for her passion for community service, but a lifelong support system and extended family.

"I have seen the Race grow tremendously over the last five years and am very excited to be the Chair. I could never imagine not being a part of Race for the Cure. Pink runs through my veins. Because of Komen and what it does in our community, I am blessed to have celebrated my mother's fifth anniversary as a survivor this year. It's not what I do for Komen it's what Komen does for me," Thomas said.

Approximately 15,000 Connecticut residents will flock to Bushnell Park for the event, including more than 500 survivors who come together at the Race for the Cure each year to raise significant funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, celebrate breast cancer survivorship and honor those who have lost their battle with the disease.

In 2011, the Komen Connecticut Race for the Cure raised more than \$980,000, which was invested in Connecticut-based breast cancer education, screening and treatment programs and national research initiatives.

Registration will open in January for the 2012 Race. Interested participants can sign up online, fundraise, and get more information at www.KomenCT.org.

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