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Komen Connecticut Launches 2011 Community Profile of Breast Cancer in Connecticut

HARTFORD – October 3, 2011 – The Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure released the findings of its *2011 Community Profile of Breast Cancer in Connecticut* in a morning press conference at the State Capitol. The report identifies the towns in the state with the highest rates of breast cancer incidence, mortality and late stage diagnosis using composite maps, and revealed some alarming realities of breast cancer in Connecticut:

- Connecticut has the second highest incidence of breast cancer in the nation
- Connecticut ranks 35th in the nation for breast cancer mortality rates
- Data demonstrates that while 84.1% of Connecticut women over 40 have had a mammogram in the last 2 years (compared with national averages of 76%), African American and Hispanic women in the urban and manufacturing centers are among the least likely to use mammography screening.

“The Community Profile is at the very center of what we do at Komen Connecticut,” said Executive Director, Anne Morris. “This report allows us to focus our programs and funding on areas where more women are being diagnosed with late stage breast cancer or losing their battle. This information will help us continue advancing our mission of saving lives and ending breast cancer forever.”

The purpose of the Community Profile is to further illuminate health disparities and the need for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment within the State of Connecticut. To address the issues highlighted by this data, Komen Connecticut also announced its funding priorities and released its Request for Grant Applications for the 2012-2013 grant cycle:

Priority 1: Strengthen and build the capacity of existing breast health providers to identify, provide, and or refer patients to appropriate breast health and breast cancer programs and services in cities and towns demonstrating the highest burden of breast cancer morbidity and mortality.

Priority 2: Promote breast health awareness and the importance of screening and early detection among women across the state.

Priority 3: Increase screening resources available to women in selected cities and towns with an emphasis on high risk women, underserved women and selected women under the age of 40.

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. Since 1994, Komen for the Cure has invested over \$21 Million in research and local education, screening and treatment programs across the state. For more information, visit KomenCT.org or call 860-321-7806.

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