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**Women Inmates Walk to Fight Breast Cancer**

**HARTFORD - June 24, 2008** - Breast cancer affects more than just the patient - a reality that the female inmates at the York Correctional Institution in Niantic acknowledged by participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk for the Cure on June 10, 2008. The event helped raise \$2,000 for the Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, and will be invested in breast cancer education, screening, treatment and research on both the local and national levels.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our population to give back to the community," said Department of Correction Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz. "These women are here to redirect their lives and we're happy to provide them with a chance to reach out to women in our state."

The walkers wore 2008 Komen Connecticut Race for the Cure t-shirts, mementos from Komen Connecticut's biggest fundraising event that took place the previous weekend. "Even though these women weren't physically present on Race day, this walk gives them a unique chance to celebrate and remember loved ones with breast cancer," said Anne Giliberto, Executive Director of the Affiliate. "Everyone can play a part in supporting the breast cancer movement."

The women who participated in the walk belong to the Families In Treatment (F.I.T.) program, which rewards inmates for good behavior. In order to participate, an inmate must be discipline-free for one year. The women enrolled in this program have expressed a desire to contribute to the fight against breast cancer. The walk provided a chance for the women to raise breast cancer awareness among the population at the York Correctional Facility and help spread Komen's promise to save lives and end breast cancer forever.

**About Susan G. Komen for the Cure®** Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and launched the global breast cancer movement. The Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the local community. They join more than 100,000 breast cancer survivors and activists around the globe as part of the world's largest and most progressive grassroots network fighting breast cancer. Through events like the Race for the Cure, Komen Connecticut Affiliate funding for statewide programs and Komen international research funding -- together -- have made a \$17 million impact on Connecticut over 15 years. Not only has the Affiliate made substantive distributions statewide to local breast cancer organizations and programs and to international research, but international research dollars are being funneled back into the state. For more information, call (860) 728-4955 or visit [komenct.org](http://komenct.org).

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