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**Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Awards  
\$ 871,000 to 22 Local Breast Health Organizations**

*Part of Annual Grants Reception and Kick-off of the  
2009 Komen Connecticut Race for the Cure®*

**Hartford, CT (April 3, 2009):** The Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure today awarded \$871,000 in grants to 22 Connecticut breast health organizations as part of its annual grant reception and 2009 Komen Connecticut Race for the Cure Kick-off. The event took place at the Rocky Hill Marriott in Rocky Hill.

Featuring the theme, "We draw the line," the event drew more than 300 people, including grantees, funders, business and community leaders, and Race volunteers.

"This event was a wonderful culmination of our collective fundraising efforts and a clear demonstration of where the money goes after it is raised," said Anne Morris, executive director, Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. "We are extremely grateful to our volunteer fundraisers, corporate supporters and individual donors, all of whom are passionately committed to gaining ground in the fight against breast cancer.

"We are also extremely proud of our impressive slate of grantees," said Morris. "Each organization has a specific and very tangible role in addressing the issue of breast cancer, from prevention and education, to screening and treatment."

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The following organizations received 2009 Komen Connecticut grants: Cancer Care of Connecticut; Charlotte Hungerford Hospital; Eastern Connecticut Health Network; Fair Haven Community Health Center; Griffin Hospital's Rapid Diagnostic Breast Center; Hartford Hospital; Hospital of Central Connecticut; Hospital of Saint Raphael; Johnson Memorial Hospital; Ledge Light Hospital; Midstate Medical Center; Necessities Bags; New Milford Hospital; Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center; Oak Hill; Planned Parenthood of Connecticut; Russo Family Foundation; Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center; Saint Mary's Hospital Inc.; Saint Vincent's Medical Center; Stamford Hospital; and Yale New Haven Hospital.

Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, the 2009 Komen Connecticut Race for the Cure will take place on June 6 in Bushnell Park in Hartford. The event is chaired by Ann Hogan, Coordinator, Community & Government Relations for Yale New Haven Health, and honorary chair, Connecticut Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro. The 2009 event will include the St. Francis Hospital 5K Race, the Pratt & Whitney 4K and 1.5K Walk, the Electronic Arts Kids' K and Kids' Short Race and the Vertex Survivor Breakfast. Race registration is open at [www.komenct.org](http://www.komenct.org).

### **About Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and the Connecticut Affiliate of 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 for the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement. The Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure was established in 1993 to fund research and better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the local community by supporting local organizations that focus on breast health issues and access to care. Seventy-five percent of net proceeds from the Affiliate stay in the community to fund local breast health programs, and in 2008 alone, the Affiliate granted \$725,000 to fund breast health programs at organizations throughout Connecticut. Combined with national research dollars, Komen Connecticut has made a more than \$19 million impact on Connecticut's breast health and the breast cancer movement. For more information, call 860-728-4955 or visit [komenct.org](http://komenct.org).

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