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YALE RESEARCHERS TO FOCUS ON DISPARITIES IN BREAST CANCER WITH FUNDS FROM SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE®

World's Largest Breast Cancer Organization Investing \$780,000 into Connecticut's Economy for Research

HARTFORD – September 15, 2010 – Yale University will address the specific concerns of African American women with breast cancer with funding from Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, the global leader in the breast cancer movement.

Komen for the Cure's **\$780,000 research investment** in Connecticut this year is part of a **\$59 million portfolio of research grants** that Komen will be providing scientists worldwide to find the cures for breast cancer and to end the disease for women and men around the globe.

"We're fortunate to share a home here in Connecticut with great research facilities such as Yale," said Anne Morris, executive director of the Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. "When research money comes back into the state, it makes our local impact come full circle. It's our Connecticut neighbors and their families who helped raise the money that make an investment like this possible."

This grant will look to Yale University student scientists to specialize in the physical and psychological issues involved with African American women diagnosed with breast cancer.

The students will be recruited from medicine, nursing, and public health. They will be asked to increase their knowledge about African American women diagnosed with breast cancer and then help lead programs aimed at improving their quality of life.

"Study after study acknowledges that African American women have higher mortality rates from breast cancer – a situation that Susan G. Komen for the Cure is addressing in communities across the country. Programs like this at Yale will engage the science and public health communities, together, to understand and address

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these care gaps,” said Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker, founder and CEO of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Komen will also fund a grant allowing Yale researchers to test a novel way to manipulate normal and cancer stem cells in hopes of predicting both breast cancer prognosis and who may respond best to chemotherapy treatments.

Komen for the Cure has been investing in Connecticut’s breast health since 1994, when the organization’s presence in the state began with a Race for the Cure. The grants for research this year augment the funds Komen Connecticut contributes locally for early detection and treatment of breast cancer. In 2010 alone, Komen Connecticut invested more than \$1 million in these local programs, the single largest investment in the Connecticut organization’s 17-year history.

In total, Komen for the Cure’s investment in Connecticut has surpassed \$20 million.

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 2010, Komen Connecticut invested \$1.02 Million locally, providing funding to 21 Connecticut breast health programs. Since 1994, Komen for the Cure has awarded more than \$20 Million to programs in our local communities. For more information, visit KomenCT.org or call 860-728-4955.

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