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Komen Austin Recognizes Eight Local Community Health Care Organizations that Receive Over \$614,000 at the Community Luncheon

Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin provides speaker for Community Health Luncheon

AUSTIN, TX – Susan G. Komen® Austin recently announced eight local community health care organizations that received over \$614, 000 from Komen Austin for its 2015/2016 grant year. The grant funding will make close to 3,000 life-saving breast health services possible, including clinical breast exams, screening mammograms, diagnostic mammograms, biopsies, and patient navigation. Komen Austin funding has helped increase the availability of life-saving breast health services to uninsured and underinsured community members in Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson, totaling over 63,000 services in the past five years.

Komen Austin recognized the following grantees, as well as the amount granted to each organization, at the Susan G. Komen® Austin Community Health Luncheon on July 15th at Green Pastures.

- Women Involved in Nurturing, Giving, and Sharing Inc. (WINGS) - \$188,998
- CommUnity Care - \$133,986
- Community Actions Inc. of Central Texas (Education, Patient Navigation, Support) - \$74,972
- Community Actions Inc. of Central Texas (Screening/Treatment) - \$43,255
- Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas - \$37,636
- Alliance of African American Health (1/2 of grant awarded for 2015-2016 year) - \$32,458
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- Breast Cancer Resource Centers of Texas (BCRC) - \$31,843
- Helping the Aging, Needy, and Disabled, Inc. (HAND) - \$28,622.50
- Samaritan Health Ministries, Inc. - \$10,091

The Breast Cancer Resource Centers of Texas (BCRC) is one of Komen Austin's eight grant recipients this year. Ray Anne Evans, BCRC Executive Director stated, "Komen Austin funding enables us to get women the care they need to make proper and early diagnoses regardless of their ability to pay."

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In addition to the recognition of grantees, Dr. Amy Young, inaugural Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin, provided the keynote speech.

About Susan G. Komen® Austin

Saving lives locally. Fighting breast cancer globally.

Susan G. Komen® Austin is an Austin-based nonprofit committed to saving lives locally and fighting breast cancer globally. Komen Austin is the only local breast cancer organization attacking the disease on all fronts – education, screening, treatment, follow-up care, survivorship support, advocacy and research. The organization serves the women and men in the city's five-county area battling breast cancer by removing barriers to care for the uninsured and underinsured. Of the funds raised annually, Komen Austin invests up to 75 percent into local community health care grants and educational initiatives; the remaining 25 percent is invested into global research to find the cures for breast cancer.

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