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EMORY UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS TO CREATE EARLY DETECTION METHOD WITH FUNDS FROM SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE®

ATLANTA, GA (July 14, 2010) – The national office of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® recently announced its funding of a **\$180,000** research grant awarded to Emory University. Plans for the program include developing a novel ultrasound device to detect the earliest signs of a common and often painful swelling of breast cancer patients' arms so that it can be successfully treated.

The Komen for the Cure grant will support Emory scientists who hope to detect lymphedema, a side effect of breast cancer treatment affecting about one in every four survivors. Lymphedema can limit range of motion, cause pain or weakness and often profoundly affect patients' quality of life. The grant to Emory is part of a \$59 million portfolio of research grants this year that Komen will be investing with scientists worldwide to find the cures for breast cancer and to end suffering from the disease.

"As we work to end this disease, we're also very focused on research that will help improve quality of life for millions who are surviving cancer, and we hope to find answers in research like this," said Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker, founder and CEO of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

This year at the local level, Komen Atlanta granted \$2.2 million to 26 community breast health programs* in Atlanta's underserved communities. Grantee organizations were chosen based on the anticipated amount of impact on the Atlanta community in areas of breast health screening, education, navigation and support. Komen Atlanta also provided more than \$600,000 to support national research efforts to find a cure.

"We're delighted to see national Komen research dollars being invested in the Atlanta market," said Kelly Dolan, Executive Director of Komen Atlanta. "This new program at Emory combined with our local grants program truly demonstrates Komen's two-pronged effort to combat breast cancer at the local and national level."

Since 1991, Komen Atlanta has raised \$26.7 million to help enable women to detect and survive breast cancer in the Atlanta community. In addition since 2005, the national Komen organization has awarded more than \$900,000 in research grants in Georgia.

* The following organizations received funding from Komen Atlanta during its 2010-2011 grant cycle: Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc., Atlanta Lesbian Health Initiative, Boat People SOS – Atlanta, Center for Black Women's Wellness, Inc., Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc., Cobb Public Health, DeKalb Medical Center, Family Health Enterprise, Georgia Cancer Foundation, Good Samaritan Health Center, Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady Health System, Northside Hospital, Piedmont Hospital, Piedmont Fayette Hospital, Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services, Inc., Southern Regional Medical Center - Women's Center at Spivey Station, TurningPoint

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Women's Healthcare, Wellstar Health System, West End Medical Centers, Inc., and YWCA of Greater Atlanta.

ABOUT SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE GREATER ATLANTA AFFILIATE

Komen Atlanta is the local resource for breast cancer screening, treatment, education and support. Through events, including the Race for the Cure, and contributions, the Affiliate raises funds to enable women to detect and survive breast cancer. Seventy-five percent of all funds stay in Atlanta to provide breast health services for women who could not otherwise afford them. Twenty-five percent supports national research efforts to finding a cure. Komen Atlanta has raised \$26.7 million since its inception in 1991. The Affiliate is part of the national Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization, which strives to save lives and end breast cancer forever. Komen is the largest private funder in the fight against breast cancer and has invested more than \$1.5 billion towards the cause.

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 for the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement. Today, Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. Thanks to events like the Komen Race for the Cure®, we have invested more than \$1.5 billion to fulfill our promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world. For more information about Susan G. Komen for the Cure, breast health or breast cancer, visit www.komen.org or call 1-877 GO KOMEN.

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