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**KOMEN ATLANTA FUNDS RECORD \$2.3 MILLION
FOR ATLANTA BREAST CANCER PROGRAMS**

ATLANTA, GA (April 2, 2009) – On April 1, the Greater Atlanta Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure invested a record \$2.3 million in Atlanta’s underserved community. Komen Atlanta funded 28 programs that provide breast cancer screening, treatment and education to women who could not otherwise afford those services.

“We are putting \$2.3 million into 10 counties for one disease,” said executive director Kelly Dolan. “This year’s investment is sure to have a significant impact in such a small space.”

The Affiliate received a record number of grant applications this year, signaling an increase in need for breast health services.

Komen Atlanta’s mission is to enable women to detect and survive breast cancer. The Affiliate funds programs based on gaps identified in its community needs assessment, a thorough study of breast healthcare in Atlanta.

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This year's grant recipients fill breast healthcare gaps that include low-cost screening and treatment in the south metro region, culturally-appropriate outreach for minorities and rehabilitation for survivors. Komen's grantees provide services to underserved populations including uninsured and underinsured women, minorities and breast cancer survivors.

Komen Atlanta will continue to fund its clinical trial enrollment grant. The grant, awarded to Emory Winship Cancer Institute, is the first of its kind in Georgia. Funding enables underserved women to overcome financial barriers to participation in clinical trials.

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