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**SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE OPENS MORE THAN \$2 MILLION IN BREAST
CANCER GRANTS FOR MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED**

KOMEN ATLANTA DEDICATED TO CLOSING THE GAP IN ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

ATLANTA, GA (August 15, 2008) – The Greater Atlanta Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure is making great strides in closing Atlanta’s healthcare gap by granting more than \$2 million to breast health projects. Komen Atlanta announced today a request for grant proposals that focus on Atlanta’s medically underserved population. The Affiliate will grant up to \$150,000 for screening and diagnostic projects and \$50,000 for education, navigation and support projects. Application information can be found at Komen Atlanta’s website, komenatlanta.org/grants.

“Our goal is to enable medically underserved women to detect and survive breast cancer. We are constantly working to fill the ever-increasing need in the community through our grants program, as well as our education and advocacy programs. Ninety-eight percent of breast cancer found in the initial stage has a five-year survival rate. That is why it is vital that underserved women have access to screening,” said Kelly Dolan, Executive Director.

In the past two years, Komen Atlanta has granted \$4.2 million to local breast health programs. Last year alone, the Affiliate granted \$2.25 million, and more than 55,000 Atlantans were touched by a Komen grant. The Affiliate’s funds provided more than 4,000 mammograms and detected 46 cancers. Komen Atlanta also awarded more than \$600,000 to the national Susan G. Komen Award and Research Grant Program to fund cutting edge research to find a cure.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure’s grantee programs aid women who are historically underserved including ethnic and racial minorities, those at an economic or cultural disadvantage, young women and survivors. Komen Atlanta also funds services where women need them most: the majority of women served with a Komen grant last year live in Fulton, Clayton, Gwinnett and DeKalb counties.

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Komen Atlanta's grant programs include mammography, support services, culturally and linguistically competent healthcare navigation, rehabilitation for survivors and low-cost diagnostic options. Komen Atlanta also funds a ground-breaking clinical trials enrollment program that focuses on registering underserved women in life-saving clinical trials.

ABOUT SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE GREATER ATLANTA AFFILIATE

Susan G. Komen for the Cure Greater Atlanta Affiliate, formerly Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Greater Atlanta Affiliate, is the local resource for women who need breast cancer screening, treatment, education and support. Through annual events, including the Race for the Cure, and individual contributions, Komen Atlanta raises funds that enable women to detect and survive breast cancer. Seventy-five percent of all funds raised by the Affiliate stays in Atlanta to fund breast health programs for women who would not otherwise have access to screening and treatment. Twenty-five percent of funds raised supports the national Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant Program. Komen Atlanta has raised more than \$20 million since its inception in 1991.

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, Komen has invested \$1 billion to fulfill the organization's promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world.

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