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**KOMEN ATLANTA RACE FOR THE CURE RAISES A RECORD \$1.6 MILLION;
ATLANTA AREA HOSPITALS JOIN TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE**

ATLANTA, GA (June 3, 2008) – Atlanta area hospitals came together to help the 18th annual Komen Atlanta Race for the Cure surpass the \$1.6 million mark, making it the largest fundraising and education event for breast cancer in Atlanta. Susan G. Komen for the Cure Greater Atlanta Affiliate held the 2008 event on May 10, at Atlantic Station, drawing more than 13,500 participants and nearly 500 volunteers. Komen Atlanta anticipates more pledges to be collected through the end of May, taking the final fundraising total to over \$1.6 million.

Komen Atlanta Race for the Cure participants lined up in front of the Wachovia building and enjoyed a 5K route that crossed the 17th Street Bridge into Midtown, and back to Atlantic Station for a large expo of race sponsors, non-profit organizations and exhibitors. Race day also included a breast cancer survivor recognition ceremony and a one-mile walk through Atlantic Station to honor survivors.

Local sponsors of the event, who also fielded race teams, included: The Emory Winship Cancer Institute; Northside Hospital; Saint Joseph's Hospital; and Piedmont Hospital. In addition, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Grady Memorial Hospital and Southern Regional Medical Center had teams in the Race.

The annual 5K run/walk raises money for breast cancer research, screening and treatment. Seventy-five percent of funds raised by the Greater Atlanta Affiliate are awarded to local breast health projects and programs, and twenty-five percent are awarded to the national Komen Research Grant Program to find a cure.

In 2008, Komen Atlanta awarded \$2.25 million to 38 local breast health programs to provide screening, treatment and education services to the medically underserved in the Atlanta community. Komen Atlanta also awarded more than \$500,000 to the national Susan G. Komen Award and Research Grant Program to fund cutting edge research to find a cure. The first Komen Atlanta Race for the Cure® was held in 1991 with several hundred runners.

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, serves as a local resource for those seeking opportunities for education, screening, treatment and support. Through annual events, including the Race for the Cure, Komen Atlanta raises funds to support breast cancer outreach projects and programs. Seventy-five percent of all funds raised by the Affiliate remains in the local community to fund breast cancer outreach projects and programs for the medically underserved, and twenty-five percent of funds raised supports the Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant Program. Komen Atlanta has raised \$23 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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