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**KOMEN ATLANTA PROVIDES \$2.2 MILLION TO SUPPORT
LOCAL BREAST CANCER PROGRAMS**

ATLANTA, GA (April 1, 2010) – Today, Susan G. Komen for the Cure Greater Atlanta Affiliate begins its fiscal year by granting \$2.2 million to 26 community breast health programs in Atlanta’s underserved communities. Komen Atlanta will also provide \$600,000 to support national research efforts to finding a cure.

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. Many of the recipients have more than one breast cancer program to meet the needs of its patients and provide services to underserved populations including uninsured and underinsured women, minorities and breast cancer survivors.

“Providing financial support to breast cancer organizations in need is one of the most important functions of Komen Atlanta,” said Executive Director Kelly Dolan. “With the decline in the economy, many women do not have health insurance so there is an increased need and urgency for breast health services in our community.”

The following organizations will receive 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 Women’s Healthcare, Wellstar Health System, West End Medical Centers, Inc., and YWCA of Greater Atlanta.

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Komen Atlanta is the largest funding organization of breast cancer support in Georgia and strives to bridge the gap between healthcare disparities in the community. Since its inception in 1991, Komen Atlanta has raised \$26.7 million to help enable women to detect and survive breast cancer.

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 \$1.2 billion towards the cause.

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