

SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE®

2011 Community Grants

Making a Difference in San Diego County

Susan G. 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.

Each year, events like the Komen San Diego Race for the Cure®, Row for the Cure, and Survivor Crop raise significant funds and awareness for breast cancer, celebrate breast cancer survivorship, and honor those who have lost their battle with the disease. Up to 75 percent of the funds generously donated remain here in San Diego to fund programs to help uninsured and underinsured San Diegans with free diagnostic mammograms, treatments, and services. The remaining 25 percent of every donation funds important national research. In fact, next to the U.S. government, Komen is the largest funder of breast cancer research in the world.

Here in San Diego County, where we've been active since 1995, we've provided nearly \$10 million to local organizations. The following organizations received a Community Grant in 2011.

Find out more at www.KomenSanDiego.org

FREE DIAGNOSTIC MAMMOGRAMS AND BIOPSIES

COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY CLINICS

Diagnostics and Treatment for Women

Over 40: 1-800-511-2300

Under 40: 211

There are no public resources for low income, uninsured women under 40, and few resources for women over 40 to access needed breast cancer diagnostic services in San Diego County. When a woman finds a lump in her breast — and she has nowhere to go — this program will direct her to a convenient facility to receive needed services. This project serves the entire county.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION

Safety Net for Diagnostic Services

858/613-6115

Project Access connects low-income, uninsured San Diegans with donated specialty care. Providers are recruited to donate breast cancer diagnostic and surgical services.

TEMPORARY FINANCIAL HELP

BREAST CANCER SOLUTIONS

Temporary Financial Assistance for Breast Cancer Patients

866-960-9222

This program provides financial assistance to individuals in San Diego County who experience financial distress due to breast cancer treatment. This may include payment for rent/mortgage, utilities and other life-supporting expenses for breast cancer patients. This program is geared to support people undergoing breast cancer treatment for a duration of several months. This is the period which many individuals are unable to work due to breast cancer treatments.

SHARP GROSSMONT HOSPITAL

Vital Spirit: Financial Assistance in East County

619/740-4731

This program provides emergency financial assistance for costs not covered by insurance plans such as MRI; ultrasound; radiation therapy; ambulatory services; medications (related to breast cancer that are not available through pharmaceutical assistant programs); co-pays; nutritional supplements and supplies (wigs, breast prosthesis, compression garments.) 100% of the funds are dispersed to patients.

SUPPORT SERVICES

MAMA'S KITCHEN

3 a Day: Meals for Breast Cancer Patients and Families

The only program of its kind in San Diego County, Mama's Kitchen volunteers will deliver three meals a day to breast cancer patients and their entire family. This project serves the entire county.

SHARP CHULA VISTA

Lymphedema Treatment Services in South County

The primary goal for this one-of-a-kind program in South Bay is to reduce the likelihood of developing Lymphedema, a chronic and sometimes debilitating condition, for low-income and/or uninsured women. A certified therapist will provide Lymphedema treatment and patient education.

SHARP MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Lymphedema Treatment in Central San Diego

A program to educate post-surgical patients in order to prevent Lymphedema, and/or have the patient identify problems for early treatment and management. The program will provide early Lymphedema education and resources and will address gaps in service by providing post-treatment exercise and nutrition education.

JOIN US FOR THE 2011
RACE FOR THE CURE

Sunday, November 6, 2011

Register at www.komensandiego.org

Outreach and Education

VISTA COMMUNITY CLINIC

Educating North County Coastal and Inland Women about Breast Cancer

This program — located in Vista and reaching North County coastal and inland women — provides life-saving health education and clinic referrals to all uninsured women targeting those in most need including African American, Hispanic, and Asian/Pacific Islander women, all of who face disproportionate rates of breast cancer.

SAN YSIDRO HEALTH CENTER

Reaching African American Women with Breast Cancer Education

This project addresses the high level of need among African American women and aims to increase awareness of the importance of early detection. Provides education classes and activities in places normally frequented by the women, such as shopping centers, churches, hair salons, etc. It will utilize a model similar to the Latina “Promotora” programs.

LA MAESTRA FAMILY CLINIC

Assisting Women in East County, Central San Diego and South Bay

A comprehensive program to deliver breast health education, provide breast cancer screening, and provide patient navigation to minority, immigrant and refugee women living in East, Central and South Bay counties. A key component of this program also seeks to increase the cultural competency of medical providers in San Diego County by developing and delivering a culturally and linguistically appropriate breast health curriculum.

SCRIPPS MERCY HOSPITAL, CHULA VISTA

Educating South County Women about Breast Cancer

This program will continue to provide and expand culturally sensitive breast health education, including outreach and case management, to underserved Latina, Filipino, and African American populations in the South Bay area of San Diego. The program will recruit and train local women from the community as “Patient Navigators” (Promotoras).

TEACHING NEW DOCTORS

SCRIPPS MERCY HOSPITAL, CHULA VISTA

Training First Year Doctors about Breast Cancer Protocols

Training family physicians to serve the unique needs of underserved, minority populations is a priority for Komen San Diego. This first of its kind program will target 80 newly-minted doctors to increase their knowledge, attitude and skills in the provision of breast cancer awareness and screening protocols.

HELP NAVIGATING OUR COMPLEX MEDICAL SYSTEM

VISTA COMMUNITY CLINIC

Treatment Services for Women – North County Coastal and Inland 760-631-5000, ext 7167

The goal of this program is to increase the number of low-income women who have access to affordable, available screening, diagnostic and treatment services. An emphasis will be on reaching Latina, African American and Asian/Pacific Islander women in the North County.

SHARP CHULA VISTA

Patient Navigation in the South Bay

619/502-5364

Provides patient navigation services to medically uninsured, underinsured and underserved patients living with breast cancer in the South Bay. Funding supports a bilingual/bicultural Patient Navigator who will work closely with patients to help navigate the health care system and eliminate any non-clinical barriers such as transportation, financial assistance, access to hair loss accessories and other social support.

UCSD, JOHN MOORES CANCER CENTER

Patient and Family Resource Center

The Patient and Family Resource Center of Moores UCSD Cancer Center offers established services and programs to address the needs of patients and families facing the challenge of a cancer diagnosis and treatment. Anyone can use the Center to get information, guidance, comfort, navigation assistance and inspiration from the team of dedicated staff and volunteers.

FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS

Patient Navigation in Central San Diego

619/514-2301

Bicultural Patient Navigator Program, located at Logan Heights Family Health Center, to promote women’s screening, diagnostic, treatment, and follow-up adherence by increasing their knowledge and access to healthcare, addressing barriers, and increasing coping skills and sense of empowerment, with the overarching goal of reducing mortality.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

Treatment Support and Education for North County Coastal Women

This new program will provide treatment support and navigation assistance to newly-diagnosed breast cancer patients in North County’s coastal and north inland as well as East County communities. Jewish Family Service was founded in 1918 by a consortium of women’s groups and has developed into an organization that helps all people regardless of faith.

