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IT'S OUR LARGEST GRANT DISTRIBUTION EVER!

Florida Suncoast Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Hands Out Nearly One Million Dollars in Grant Money

Tampa, FL; May 2, 2007 — The Florida Suncoast Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure is making history. It's giving away nearly *one million dollars* in grant money to community organizations which are dedicated to help fight breast cancer. This is the largest amount ever distributed to local organizations by the Komen Florida Suncoast Affiliate.

Twenty organizations will receive grants in amounts ranging from \$8,000 to \$100,000 in the Florida Suncoast Affiliate's five-county area. At total of \$973,797.85 will be distributed in 2007, compared to \$676,818 distributed in 2006.

"We're celebrating nearly a million dollars in grant funds because of the generous support of our community," says Lynn Rasys, Executive Director of the Komen Florida Suncoast Affiliate. "Through donations, attending events, and simply supporting our local Affiliate, members of the community are also helping to fund breast cancer screening and treatment programs right in their own backyard."

The grants were made possible by local fundraising efforts, including the annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure®, Build for the Cure, Pink Martini, BMW Ultimate Drive®, as well as other events.

Florida Suncoast Community Grant Recipients:

Hillsborough County received \$233,051 in grants:

- Witness Project - **H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute**
- Lifetime Cancer Screening & Prevention Center Mobile Mammography & Education - **H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute**
- Project Reach - **St. Joseph's Women's Hospital**
- Promoting Breast Health among Haitian Women - **H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute**

Manatee County received \$77,306.85 in grants:

- Mammography Voucher Program of Manatee County - **Manatee County Health Department**
- Breast Health and Wellness Manatee - **Wellness Community of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

Pasco County received \$130,000 in grants:

- Healthy Women Today Screening Program - **Pasco County Health Department**
- Farmworker Women Breast Cancer Education and Early Detection Initiative - **Farm Worker Self Help, Inc.**
- Good Samaritan Health Clinic - **Health Clinic of Pasco, Inc.**

Pinellas County received \$389,083 in grants:

- Pinellas Mammography Voucher Program – **Mammography Voucher Program**
- Nurse Navigator - **Morton Plant Mease Foundation**
- Breast Cancer Advocate Project - **St. Petersburg Prostate Cancer Awareness Group**
- Breast Health Navigator Project - **Suncoast Health Council**
- Minority Breast Health and Cancer Education - **Willa Carson Health Resource Center**
- Treatment Support Project - **Suncoast Health Council**

Sarasota County received a total of \$144,357 in grants:

- Screening Underserved Minority Women – **Sarasota Memorial Healthcare System**
- Newtown Breast Cancer Awareness Program - **Gulf coast South Area Health Clinic Center**
- Be Smart Mammogram - South Sarasota County - **South County Community Clinic of Sarasota County Health Department**
- Breast Cancer Education and Screening Project, 2007 - **Sr. Friendship Center**

About the Florida Suncoast Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure

The Florida Suncoast Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure—along with those who generously support us with their talent, time and resources—is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in our community. Through events like the Komen Florida Suncoast Race for the Cure, we have invested over \$6 million in local breast health and breast cancer awareness projects in six Florida counties: Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota. Up to 75 percent of net proceeds generated by the Komen Florida Suncoast Affiliate are returned to the community while the remaining income goes to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Award and Research Grant Programs. In 2007, the Florida Suncoast Affiliate awarded 20 grants for a total of nearly a million dollars to the community to support a variety of programs supporting breast cancer awareness. For more information about the Florida Suncoast Affiliate visit <http://www.komensuncoast.org> or call 1-877-506-6927.

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