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ARIZONA RESEARCHERS TRYING TO SEE WHY HISPANIC WOMEN OFTEN FACE MORE AGGRESSIVE BREAST CANCERS THAN CAUCASIAN WOMEN THROUGH SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE FUNDING

Largest Breast Cancer Organization Investing \$60 Million to Research Despite Down Economy

TUCSON, Ariz. – April 7, 2009 – Hispanic women are often diagnosed at an earlier age and with more aggressive breast cancer tumors and a local researcher from the University of Arizona at Tucson is trying to figure out why, thanks to a research grant being announced today by Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, the global leader in the breast cancer movement.

The \$404,709 grant addressing disparities in breast cancer is part of this year's **\$60 million portfolio of research grants** Komen for the Cure is set to invest with scientists worldwide to find the cures for breast cancer.

"Breast cancer doesn't care about the economy, and with more than 1.3 million new cases of breast cancer expected this year, the need for new research is more urgent than ever," said Hala Modellmog, Komen's CEO and president.

In 2008, Komen created Promise Grants – a new category of multi-year, multi-million dollar grants designed to discover and deliver cures for breast cancer more quickly.

"Komen's infusion of millions of dollars into research projects means that promising research that is designed to treat and ultimately eradicate breast cancer will continue," said Eric Winer, M.D., Komen's chief scientific advisor.

The Phoenix Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® recently granted \$550,000 to the national Susan G. Komen for the Cure Research Grants Program, bringing its 2009/2010 contribution to over \$2.6 million – its largest amount ever. More than \$2.1 million will stay in the community, funding 33 nonprofit organizations that provide breast cancer screening, treatment and education programs throughout central and northern Arizona.

Here are the specifics about the Komen grant being invested into the Arizona research community, pending agreements:

University of Arizona at Tucson
*Maria Elena, \$404,709, A Post-Baccalaureate Training Program to Address Breast Cancer Disparities in Mexican/Mexican American Women

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®, we have invested more than \$1.3 billion to fulfill our promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world. For more information about Susan G. Komen for the Cure, breast health or breast cancer, visit www.komen.org or call 1-877 GO KOMEN.

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