The St. Louis Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, along with those who generously support us with their time, talent, and treasures, is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the St. Louis community. As a result of the Komen St. Louis Affiliate fundraising efforts, including the annual Susan G. Komen St. Louis Race for the Cure®, locally presented by Wells Fargo Advisors, more than $13 million in the last 11 years has been invested in the St. Louis community for breast cancer screening, treatment, education and support programs as well as research.

The Affiliate is proud to announce total grants of more than $3.5 million this year, a record amount for the Affiliate. More than $2.8 million will stay in the St. Louis community to fund 29 programs at local health care facilities and non-profits. These grants will go towards innovative projects in the areas of breast health and breast cancer research, education, outreach, screening, treatment and support services not otherwise available to the medically underserved populations of our 17-county service area.

In addition to the $2.8 million in local grants, more than $900,000 raised locally went to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Grants Program to fund superior-ranked breast cancer research programs. Below is a list of the 2010-2011 Komen St. Louis Affiliate Grant Recipients.

The Breakfast Club’s Bra and Prosthesis Program
The Breakfast Club, Inc.
Sherrell Jackson, BCI Founder and President, (314) 972-8883
http://www.breakfastclub-stl.org/
This is the 10th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
The Breakfast Club Inc. is a breast cancer support group serving primarily African American uninsured and underinsured low income women residing in North St. Louis City and North St. Louis County by providing education, awareness, resources and support. The Breakfast Club is receiving funding to expand the Bra and Prosthesis Program for low-income and uninsured women. Komen St. Louis funding will provide 300 mastectomy bras and 100 breast prostheses for uninsured and underserved women in the St. Louis community.

Breast Cancer Screening and Education Program
St. John’s Mercy Medical Center
Carol Murphy, LCSW, (314) 251-6400
http://www.stjohnsmercy.org/services/breastcenter/default.asp
This is the 8th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
St. John’s Mercy Medical Center is the second largest healthcare provider in the St. Louis area and is committed to providing breast health services to uninsured and underinsured women. The breast screening and education program plans to provide approximately 765 breast exams and mammograms to low income women this year. The program relies on relationships between area health and social service agencies, Mercy Neighborhood Ministry and St. John’s Mercy Hospital in Washington. These agencies work to identify and reach out to low income women in need of routine breast screening services. The goal is to increase access to breast screening services, education, prevention and early detection of breast cancer. Every screening includes a breast exam, mammogram and education on how to do a breast exam and the importance of knowing how to identify a breast abnormality. Follow-up services are provided to every woman who requires additional diagnostic services.

Breast Health Nurse Navigator
St. John’s-Washington
Connie Stelzer, RN, Project Director, (636) 239-8697
http://www.stjohnsmercy.org/sjmh/default.asp
This is the 2nd year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
St. John’s Mercy Hospital is the largest hospital in Franklin County offering Comprehensive Medical Surgical Care. The David C. Pratt Cancer Center at St John’s Mercy Hospital was opened November 2009 and offers a full spectrum of
diagnostic testing, innovative treatments and services for all types of cancer, including breast cancer. Located 50 miles southwest of St. Louis, St. John’s Mercy Hospital is committed to the quality healthcare for the residents of Franklin, St. Charles, Warren, Washington, and Jefferson Counties. A Breast Health Nurse Navigator maintains close contact with low income women who are diagnosed with breast cancer, helping them through the maze of healthcare. The Breast Health Nurse Navigator duties include: facilitating tests, consultations, treatment, finding supportive services and maintaining contact throughout treatment. The goal is to increase patient compliance with treatment plans, promote satisfaction with our services and to decrease wait times between diagnosis and treatment in order to improve quality of life and survival. It is expected that at least 100 women will receive assistance during the grant year as a result of Komen funding.

Bridging the Gap Emergency Breast Cancer Fund  
Saint Louis University, Department of Internal Medicine  
Rebecca Dougherty, MSW, LCSW, Project Director, (314) 268-7020  
http://www.slu.edu/cancer-center.xml  
This is the 2nd year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.

Many people with breast cancer face unexpected medical expenses and are not able to work during the course of treatment, adding a huge financial toll to their already difficult struggle. Bridging the Gap Emergency Breast Cancer Fund seeks to lessen the burden on people with breast cancer by providing emergency short-term financial assistance to those in need to help cover household bills and living expenses. Not worrying about unpaid bills will help recipients to better focus on treatment, healing, and recovery. Bridging the Gap recipients will be referred by a healthcare professional to the program to receive financial assistance with such things as rent, utilities, car expenses, insurance bills, etc. Potential recipients will be screened by the program manager to ensure they meet the program requirements. Eligibility criteria will include residency in one of the 17 counties served by the Komen St. Louis Affiliate, current income at or below 350% of the Federal Poverty Level, and being within a three-month window of receiving active breast cancer treatment (defined as surgery, radiation therapy and/or chemotherapy, excluding long-term hormone therapy). The program hopes to assist 180 breast cancer patients this grant year.

A Comprehensive Breast Health Awareness & Screening Program for Women in Rural Communities  
Jefferson Regional Medical Center  
Susie Thompson, Secretary, Breast Health Center (636) 933-1686  
http://www.jhsmo.com/  
This is the 7th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.

Jefferson Regional Medical Center will provide a breast healthcare awareness and diagnostic screening program for uninsured/underinsured women in five rural counties (Jefferson, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Washington and northern Perry). This program has three components: (1) comprehensive breast cancer education; (2) screening/diagnostic mammograms and ultrasounds; (3) support services. A breast nurse navigator will coordinate, deliver, monitor services using evidenced-based practices, evaluate outcomes and disseminate program results. This project will offer access to breast healthcare by providing comprehensive, quality breast health education, imaging and support services to the targeted population.

The Daylight Program of the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Refugee Health Service  
Barnes-Jewish Hospital  
Eva Enoch, Daylight Project Outreach Coordinator, (314) 747-5688  
http://www.bjc.org/  
This is the 8th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.

The Daylight Project is a multidisciplinary effort of the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Refugee Health Service. The program delivers linguistically and culturally appropriate education about breast health promotion and the benefits of early detection of breast cancer. It links refugee/immigrant women with mammography screening and bilingual navigation assistance to the diagnostic services and treatment environments of the BJH Siteman Cancer Center. This mission is accomplished by a coordinator who works with key community agencies to provide education, access, and navigation for women needing screening or receiving diagnostic services or treatment for breast cancer. A community health worker provides translated materials and training in industries and agencies where new arrival women work and gather.
Early Detection of Breast Cancer in African American Women
Community Health-In-Partnership Services (CHIPS)
Judy Bentley, WHNPBC, MA, President and CEO, (314) 652-9231 ext. 19
http://www.chipsstl.org/
This is the 2nd year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
While African American women are less likely to develop breast cancer than Caucasian women, African American women are much more likely to die from the disease. CHIPS’ Early Detection of Breast Cancer in African American Women Program addresses this disparity in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. CHIPS seeks to improve breast cancer outcomes for uninsured African American women between the ages of 40 and 64 by promoting breast health self-awareness and the importance of early detection. CHIPS will provide one on one instruction, educational materials and referrals to 1,300 women during the funding period and will arrange for women who have not had a mammogram in a year or more to be screened. A mammography van visits CHIPS six times a year to provide free screenings. CHIPS operates a free clinic in North St. Louis staffed by volunteer physicians who care for uninsured and underserved clients from all over the metropolitan area. CHIPS also takes health screenings to at-risk individuals in the community at over 100 outreach and health education events each year.

East St. Louis Breast Cancer Screening & Treatment
Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation
Beth Zurliene, RN, Project Director, (618) 482-7126
http://www.khrh.org/
This is the 3rd year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation is a Federally Qualified Health Center that operates 32 primary health care clinics. It is the primary health care provider to poor and uninsured individuals in the Metro East area. Komen funding will support two Patient Care Navigators to work on Southern Illinois Health Care Foundation’s START NOW! Breast Cancer Screening Program. Seven hundred and fifty patients will be guided through the screening, diagnostic and treatment processes, including getting help and reminders for setting up appointments, assistance with transportation when needed, and help filling out paperwork to qualify for services paid for by the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP), Medicaid, or other insurers.

Educating Women About Hereditary Risk for Developing Breast Cancer
Saint Louis University, Department of Internal Medicine
Suzanne Mahon, RN, DNSc, AOCN, APNG, (314) 577-8854
http://www.slu.edu/cancer-center.xml
This is the 9th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
An estimated 10% of women diagnosed with breast cancer have a hereditary predisposition and are at substantial risk for a second breast cancer; 50% of their first degree relatives also carry a very high risk (92%) for developing early onset breast cancer. The established Hereditary Cancer Program at Saint Louis University provides comprehensive education and counseling regarding the potential risks, benefits, and psychosocial ramifications of genetic testing as well as recommendations to detect cancer early, and prevent cancer by using appropriate strategies including prophylactic surgery. A trained genetics professional ascertains there is a comprehensive assessment of risk, the correct test is ordered, and provides coordination of follow-up care for other at-risk relatives. For families in which a specific genetic mutation cannot be identified the program assists in enrollment in clinical trials that will ultimately advance the science of genetics. This request is to continue to improve and expand the existing Hereditary Cancer Program by providing education and counseling to 90 new at-risk families and continuing to provide services to an estimated 75 established families. A series of community programs and personal meetings with health care providers will inform a wider sector about cancer genetic risk and the availability of services.

Empower and Engage
SSM St. Mary’s Health Center Foundation
Sandy Cobb, RN, Director, (314)768-8696
http://www.ssmhc.com/
This is the 9th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
The Empower and Engage Program will continue to provide free breast health services for qualified women including screening and diagnostic mammograms, ultrasound and breast healthcare education, and coordination of services and treatment. SSM St. Mary’s Breast Center’s half-time RN Clinical Coordinator is dedicated to the recruitment of underserved
women and to coordinating services for those women both in the Empower and Engage Program and Show Me Healthy Women (SMHW) Program. Empower and Engage will serve 200 women during the grant year by conducting 12 recruitment events, along with accepting walk-ins to the SSM Breast Center at St. Mary’s Health Center. The Breast Center will also enlist the services of collaborating programs and organizations, in order to provide exceptional healthcare with a full range of services.

FCHC Breast Health Screening Access Project
Family Care Health Centers
Kathleen Garst, Chief Operations Officer, (314) 481-1615 ext. 1314
http://www.fchcstl.org/
This is the 2nd year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.

Upon initiation of a navigator program, FCHC has been able to implement evidence-based techniques that increase mammography opportunities for our patients as well as guide them through the screening process. With continued collaboration with Siteman Cancer Center, FCHC will continue to promote patient education and awareness of initial mammogram screenings and expedite follow-up appointments. FCHC plans to increase capacity to 900 mammograms.

Gateway to Hope
Family Care Health Centers
Cynthia Frank, Executive Director, (314) 569-1113
http://www.gthstl.org/
This is the 6th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.

Gateway to Hope (GTH) arranges comprehensive medical and surgical treatment for uninsured and underinsured low income women and men diagnosed with breast cancer and those genetically at high risk for breast cancer. These individuals earn between 200-350% of federal poverty guidelines and are not eligible for publicly funded medical programs. GTH will arrange breast cancer treatment for a minimum of 30 eligible patients and will continue to arrange treatment for approximately 25 individuals already in the program. Additionally, a minimum of 80 referrals will be made to healthcare providers or social service agencies to help individuals not eligible for GTH services. This project supports the work of two nurse managers who arrange treatment for GTH patients and one outreach education nurse.

Iniciativa de Salud para Mujeres (Women’s Health Initiative)
Puentes de Esperanza
Nereida Avendano, Project Director, (618) 398-0557
http://www.hoyleton.org/
This is the 3rd year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.

Puentes de Esperanza (Bridges of Hope) is a faith-based organization whose mission is to enhance the quality of life within a growing Metro East Hispanic/Latino community. Due to language, cultural, social, and economic barriers, Hispanic and Latino women are typically screened for breast cancer later than other women, resulting in lower survival rates. Lack of proper identification and/or legal documentation of immigration status, exacerbates the problem. Through an intense, culturally sensitive outreach effort, this program seeks to eliminate these barriers and increase breast cancer awareness. Komen funding will provide breast cancer related information and services to 300 women during the grant period.

Lymphedema Assistance Program
St. Louis Peregrine Society, Inc.
Shari Cunningham, Events Coordinator, (314) 781-6775
http://www.peregrinesoc.org/
This is the 5th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.

The St. Louis Peregrine Society instituted the Lymphedema Assistance Program to help breast cancer survivors control and minimize the pain associated with lymphedema. The program is available to uninsured and underinsured women as a resource for obtaining the garments necessary to control the pain and swelling associated with treatment of breast cancer. Each patient enrolled is eligible to receive compression garments and replacements as recommended by their health care professional. As a result of the funding this program has been able to help hundreds of women suffering from lymphedema. With Komen funding, the Peregrine Society expects to provide 120 lymphedema garment sets for uninsured and underinsured women in the St. Louis area.
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The MBMC Breast HealthCare Center Reaching the Underserved
Missouri Baptist Medical Center
Sarah Ernsky, RN, BSN, Manager, Breast HealthCare Center, (314) 996-7554
Theresa Taylor, Breast HealthCare Outreach Coordinator, (314) 996-7585
http://www.breasthealthcarecenter.org/
This is the 9th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
The Breast HealthCare Center at Missouri Baptist Medical Center continues to be a strong leader with its commitment to reach out to uninsured and under-insured women. With Komen funding, they are able to provide increased access to breast screening services as well as education, prevention, and early detection of breast cancer by providing screening and diagnostic mammograms. These services are provided in the Breast HealthCare Center and on the digital mobile mammography van for at risk women ages 40 - 64. Follow up services are provided at the Breast HealthCare Center for women with mammography abnormalities. The educational component provides knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer by screening and the dynamics of breast self-exam. These educational events are held in the service areas of St. Louis City and County along with eleven rural communities which include: Jefferson, St. Francois, Warren, Ste. Genevieve, Perry, Lincoln, Madison, Washington, Franklin, St. Charles, and Montgomery County. The proven success of this project has demonstrated that women in these service areas desire to utilize resources to gain information on breast health and undergo a screening procedure on our van. With Komen funding, Missouri Baptist plans to educate and screen over 600 women in the current grant year.

The Navigator Project
Washington University School of Medicine
Vickie Knighten, Breast Cancer Patient Navigator, (314) 362-3195
http://www.siteman.wustl.edu/
This is the 7th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
The Breast Cancer Patient Navigator Program provides support to medically underserved women in the St Louis area who are treated for breast cancer at Siteman Cancer Center. The goals of the program are to decrease the time from a biopsy showing breast cancer to initiation of treatment by providing counseling, practical support and removing barriers to care. The program supports delivery of culturally sensitive breast cancer care at SCC. The program addresses problems experienced by the target population that affect their ability to receive or complete treatment of breast cancer. Services are provided by a Breast Cancer Patient Navigator who works with all oncology service areas. The navigator assists with transportation needs, scheduling, escort to tests or procedures, completing paperwork and referral to community support agencies and services.

Navigating the Safety Net: Paving Smooth Pathways to Care for Underserved People
Barnes-Jewish Hospital
Susan Kraenzle, RN, Joanne Knight Breast Health Center, (314) 454-7620
http://www.siteman.wustl.edu/
This is the 11th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
This program will care for more than 2,600 underserved, low income people in all counties served by the Komen St. Louis Affiliate. It will provide services along the complete trajectory of breast care, from outreach and screening through follow-up, diagnosis, and treatment. To overcome barriers to access, a mobile mammography unit, equipped with full-field digital technology, travels throughout the area. Screening is also provided at the Siteman Cancer Center’s Breast Health Center, to which many patients are referred for diagnostic follow up and care. Intensive outreach efforts at both the grassroots and stakeholder levels and 12 educational events throughout the year will motivate patients to accept breast health services. Our three diagnostic navigators will accompany 650 patients along the continuum from a suspicious finding through diagnostic work up, biopsy, and final resolution.
Nutritional Support for Low Income Breast Cancer Patients  
Food Outreach, Inc.  
Greg Lukeman, Executive Director, (314) 652-3663 ext. 115  
http://www.foodoutreach.org/  
This is the 4th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.

Food Outreach’s Breast Cancer Program provides comprehensive nutritional support to low-income breast cancer patients through a combination of scratch-made nutritious meals, groceries, and nutrition education. Many are ineligible for senior meals programs and due to the nature of the illness and treatments require a tailored nutrition program, not available through traditional food pantries. Our on-staff Chef and Registered Dietitian develop menus targeting our clients’ specific nutrition needs to help them maintain strength, cope with side effects and have better treatment outcomes. Each client meets with our Dietitian for an initial nutritional assessment. The Dietitian recommends an eating plan taking into consideration the assessment results, treatments and side effects, and any secondary illnesses. Our Dietitian provides follow-up nutrition status assessments, and with approval, forwards results to the client’s healthcare team for continuum of care. Every two weeks, clients order the equivalent of two meals per day from a changing menu (up to 28 meals per order). Choosing their own meals/groceries is significant, since taste changes are prevalent throughout treatment. Our scratch-made meals are frozen in microwaveable containers – ensuring convenient access to healthful meals when clients are too fatigued to fully prepare a meal. Food Outreach also provides a meal home delivery program.

Outreach, Education, and Screening in Madison County, Illinois  
Madison County Health Department  
Amy Yeager, MPH, Health Promotion Services, (618) 692-7040 ext. 6087  
http://www.madisoncountyhealthdepartment.org/  
This is the 8th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.

The Outreach, Education, and Screening program of the Madison County Health Department helps women by addressing breast cancer awareness and screening. The first part of the project focuses on outreach and education to help women become more aware of the importance of screening for breast health and the availability of services to motivate them to seek screening. Education will be provided through social marketing campaigns, community events, lunch and learn presentations, and dissemination of information to the community. Outreach efforts will use media, presentations, door-to-door campaigns, and community groups and health care providers to help reach women who qualify for screening. The second part of the project will provide 120 mammograms to uninsured and underserved women between the ages of 40-64, 10 diagnostic mammograms, 10 ultrasounds, and 50 office visits.

People’s Sister Connection  
Betty Jean Kerr People’s Health Centers  
Mark Sanford, VP, Planning & Development, (314) 367-7848 ext. 1209  
http://www.phcenters.org/  
This is the 8th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.

The “Sister Connection Program” is utilizing a Patient Navigator Model to reach our target population of 2,439 medically underserved and uninsured women to encourage them to get clinical breast exams and mammograms. As part of the visits women receive educational information regarding breast health screenings. A part-time mammographer will be hired at our North St. Louis County location which will increase access to breast screening services, diagnostic follow-up and treatment. The navigator is readily available to accompany the women who are fearful of getting their mammograms, and when schedules permit the clinical breast exams and mammograms can be done in one visit. The patient navigator will help to reduce all barriers to care and will continue to promote clinical breast exams and mammograms internally with providers by conducting in-services. PHC will implement mammography services at the north county location and is projecting 600 mammograms will be provided for women ages 40 to 49.
Reaching In: A Comprehensive Program for Breast Screening
Saint Louis University
Mark Varvares, MD, Director, Saint Louis University Cancer Center, (314) 268-7053
http://www.slu.edu/cancer-center.xml
This is the 2nd year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
Saint Louis University (SLU) Cancer Center is expanding its Breast Cancer Screening Program. Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding will provide a nurse navigator to assist underserved/uninsured or underinsured, low income women ages 40-65 in St. Louis through a complex healthcare system to obtain necessary and regular breast cancer screening. The St. Louis area consists of a diverse population with significant psychosocial, logistical and physical issues impeding them from getting needed care. A nurse navigator acts as an accessible contact for each woman, offering continuity of care, coordination of services, education and psychosocial support throughout the care continuum. SLU is focusing in-reach efforts to provide breast health care to underserved, at-risk women who are currently receiving tertiary care at SLU, as well as family members, friends and support employees at the University that are uninsured or underinsured. SLU Cancer Center has expanded its community outreach efforts including participation at local health fairs, educational symposiums and community events to educate and provide referrals for services for at risk persons. SLU estimates that 600 women will be served through this Komen-funded partnership.

Rural Missouri Outreach Project
East Missouri Action Agency
Angel Prather, Program Director, (573) 431-5191 ext.1122
http://www.eastmoaa.org/
This is the 1st year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
EMAA will help uninsured and underserved women in Jefferson, Madison, Perry, St. Francois, St. Genevieve, and Washington counties in Missouri. The work will be provided in cooperation with Missouri Baptist Breast Healthcare Mammogram Van, Washington County Hospital, Madison County Regional Hospital, and Jefferson Regional Medical Center. EMAA has discovered that many women-particularly those in rural areas- do not have the transportation readily available for them to take advantage of the mammogram van when it visits larger towns in their counties. Having the van visit smaller, more out-of-the-way communities will give women better access to services. The program plans to provide screening mammograms to at least 185 women.

Solutions for Women: Breast Health Education and Outreach for Underserved Women
Christian Hospital Northeast-Northwest
Sandi Kenkel, Manager, Radiation Oncology, (314) 653-4498
http://www.christianhospital.org/
This is the 3rd year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
Through this project women of North St. Louis County, who are not insured or are underinsured, will have the opportunity for screening, early diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. For women over 40 years of age and those at high risk for breast cancer and not eligible for this service through other means they will qualify for a screening mammogram. If necessary, additional diagnostic testing will be provided. For the small number of women who need additional services, they will be provided referrals to the Show Me Healthy Women Program which is also provided at Christian Hospital through a State of Missouri Grant. Through the outreach coordinator, women will be educated on the importance of good breast health. Through education, women who are at average risk can learn how to reduce their risk of developing the disease by changing certain lifestyle factors. The outreach coordinator is available to provide educational programs for organizations as well as participate in health fairs stressing the importance of self exams and the need for yearly mammograms.
SSM St. Joseph Breast Health Outreach Program
SSM St. Joseph Foundation
Terry Lohmeyer, RN, BS, (636) 947-5617
http://www.ssmhc.com/
This is the 8th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
The SSM St. Joseph Breast Health Outreach Program serves uninsured and underinsured women aged 40 to 64 and
those under 40 with symptoms or at high risk of breast cancer in St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren, and Montgomery counties.
Program services include patient education regarding the risks of breast cancer and instruction in proper breast self exam.
In addition, women receive a clinical breast exam and a screening or diagnostic mammogram, necessary biopsies and any
follow-up care needed. All services are available at any of our four SSM facilities in St. Charles County: St. Joseph Health
Center, St. Joseph Medical Park, St. Joseph Hospital West, and St. Joseph Wentzville. SSM St. Joseph anticipates serving
a total of 390 women, of which 215 women will be eligible through Komen-funded services.

STEP-UP Grace Hill
Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc.
Veronica Richardson, Director, Community Health Services, (314) 814-8698
http://www.gracehill.org/
This is the 3rd year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. will endeavor to aggressively address the high incidence of mortality from
breast cancer that disproportionately affects minority women living in the Grace Hill service areas. Grace Hill will strive
to increase the rate of early detection of breast cancer by expanding the in-reach and education efforts targeted to over
8,700 of its current female patients, as well as over 2,000 additional women in the community. Funding will be used to
address system changes, including allocating a provider to clinical breast exams for "Mammogram Days." By increasing
staff knowledge and skill in addressing cultural barriers among the ethnically diverse patient population, Grace Hill is able to
provide education and support services utilizing culturally competent peer health coaches. These efforts will result in more
than 1,000 women receiving clinical breast exams and screening mammography services in the grant year.

Wellness for Women
St. Clair County Health Department
Karen Pratt, Outreach & Prevention Manager, (618) 233-7703
http://www.health.co.st-clair.il.us/
This is the 9th year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
The Wellness for Women Project is a Komen St. Louis Affiliate funded program of the St. Clair County Health Department
that increases breast cancer awareness and screening to women in St. Clair County, Illinois. Komen funding will provide
200 screening mammograms for low-income uninsured women, aged 40-49, and low-income women with insurance
who have a high deductible and cannot afford the cost of routine mammograms. The Wellness for Women project with
the BCCP serves as a vital resource for both Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation and Puentes de Esperanza (with
Hispanic women), both Komen grantees in St. Clair County, Illinois, to assist women in accessing both state and federally
funded health care programs. For women enrolled in BCCP, if breast cancer is diagnosed, staff will apply for a medical card
through the Health and Family Services for Treatment Act funding through a BCCP collaborative agreement.

Women’s Information and Screening Endeavor (WISE) Program
SSM St. Clare Health Center Foundation
Sandy Cobb, RN, BSN, RDMS, Director, Women’s Imaging, (314) 768-8696
http://www.ssmhc.com/
This is the 2nd year of Komen St. Louis Affiliate funding for this program.
The WISE Program of SSM St. Clare employs a Clinical Coordinator who recruits women living along the I-44 corridor of
St. Louis and Franklin Counties and in Jefferson County for free mammography and breast health education. Once in the
program, women receive additional support from a Breast Health Specialist who provides in-depth education, clinical breast
exams, care coordination, and empowers women to be proactive about their breast health. The program plans to provide
120 Komen-funded mammograms.
2010 CRAFT Grant Awards (funding Clinical Trials Research)

Breast Cancer Resource to Study Prevention in African American Women (SPAA)
Washington University School of Medicine
D. Craig Allred, MD, Professor of Pathology & Immunology
The St. Louis Breast Tissue Registry in coordination with the Women’s Health Initiative will be creating a subset of breast cancer cases of African American Women. A Tissue Microarray will be created for biomarker studies from the existing 200+ cases in the St. Louis Breast Tissue Registry. This array, having all stages of cases (DCIS through stage IV) and treatment information as well as recurrence and outcome data, will be available to researchers at Washington University and the St. Louis Community. African American Women registered in the Women’s Health Initiative who develop breast cancer will also be entered into the St. Louis Breast Tissue Registry and tissue and data (pathological and outcome) will be made available to investigators as cases are diagnosed.

A Phase I/II Trial of Letrozole in Combination with MK2206 in Clinical Stage II or III Estrogen Receptor Positive and HER2 Negative Breast Cancer
Washington University School of Medicine
Cynthia X. Ma, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
Endocrine therapy, such as letrozole, is a standard adjuvant therapy following surgical removal of Estrogen Receptor positive (ER+) breast cancer to prevent recurrence. However, the occurrence of a complete pathologic response, a marker of complete eradication of the cancer, is rare by using endocrine therapy because of its inability to induce cell death. As a result, a prolonged course of therapy after surgery is necessary and thus, strategies to improve the effectiveness of endocrine therapy are needed. We have recently demonstrated, in cell culture studies, that drugs inhibiting the essential cell survival pathway are capable of killing the cancer cells when combined with endocrine therapy.