



A Message from Komen St. Louis

We have received many inquiries regarding our national office's recent decision to change its granting policies and criteria. Susan G. Komen for the Cure National Headquarters has adopted new guidelines that prohibit funding to organizations that are under investigation by local, state or federal authorities. Due to these new criteria, Affiliates are no longer able to fund organizations such as Planned Parenthood, which is currently the focus of a federal investigation.

Komen St. Louis is committed to a very specific promise: to save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality of care for all and energizing science to find the cures.

Our focus remains on the organization's vision to create a world without breast cancer as we serve those in need in our 17-county service area in Missouri and Illinois.

Komen St. Louis is fortunate to have 28 community partners that help the underserved and uninsured through breast health and breast cancer screening, treatment, education and support programs. We will continue to work with our community partners to ensure that every woman who needs breast health help can get the help she needs.

Through Komen St. Louis funding, our community partners offer a variety of services to underserved and uninsured women, including free mammograms; navigating women through the healthcare system; and providing emergency financial assistance, meals and medical supplies to women diagnosed with breast cancer.

During the 2010-11 fiscal year, funds raised by Komen St. Louis helped provide:

- 5,945 mammograms
- 1,372 diagnostic procedures
- 1,469 support services for women diagnosed with or at risk for breast cancer
- Breast cancer educational programs reaching 27,245 people
- And 116 breast cancers were detected through Komen St. Louis Affiliate-funded services

A list of our current community partners and the services they provide through Komen St. Louis funding can be found here:

http://www.komenstlouis.org/site/PageServer?pagename=grants_recipients

A directory of local breast health and breast cancer resources funded by Komen St. Louis can be found here: http://www.komenstlouis.org/site/PageServer?pagename=resources_local

For Komen, the women we serve are our highest priority in everything we do. Our local needs assessment is the primary guide for our funding decisions and community partnerships. Our current community needs assessment can be found here:

http://www.komenstlouis.org/site/PageServer?pagename=grants_community

Locally incorporated, the Komen St. Louis Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure raises funds through events like the Komen St. Louis Race for the Cure. Seventy-five percent of the money raised by the local Affiliate stays in our Missouri and Illinois service area to fund life-saving programs. The remaining twenty-five percent funds breast cancer research on a national level. Since 1999, Komen St. Louis has contributed more than \$7 million to Susan G. Komen for the Cure for national research; more than \$15.25 million has come back to St. Louis area research facilities through the Komen national research program.

Regrettably, if donations are directed away from the local Affiliate, women right here in our community will see their access to breast health programs diminish.

We thank those who have contacted us to share feedback. We appreciate the outpouring of concern from our passionate constituents. We value each and every opinion. Please know that we are communicating local feedback to our national organization.

Our work continues as it has before. We thank you for your support. Together, we will make a difference and find the cures.