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**KOMEN ALBANY RACE FOR THE CURE® AWARDS \$75,000 TO  
BREAST CANCER PROGRAMS**

Seven Capital District organizations will receive \$75,000 in grants for breast cancer outreach, education and treatment programs from the proceeds of last Fall's Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure® in Albany. Since 1995, over \$330,000 has been awarded locally for breast cancer programs from the proceeds of Komen Albany road races.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation sponsors the Albany Race for the Cure®, which is the world's largest series of five kilometer runs and fitness walks. The Race has grown from a single event in 1983 to a series of 107 races with over one million participants in 2000. Last Fall's 6th Annual Race in Albany's Washington Park drew over 3,200 registered runners and walkers, 20% more participants than in 1999. The Race was brought to the Capital District six years ago by the Junior League of Albany, Inc.

Proceeds from the Race fund education, screening, and treatment programs for the medically underserved in each Race community and support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Research Program. A minimum of 25% of Race proceeds support the Foundation's Research Program, which, for the last 19 years, has provided much-needed funding for groundbreaking breast cancer research. The remainder of the funds raised stay in the local community funding non-duplicative breast health and breast cancer outreach programs for the medically underserved.

A committee of medical experts, community leaders and breast cancer survivors reviewed the local grant applications, which were then approved by the board of directors of the Albany Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Susan Kopp, President of the Albany Affiliate Board said, "We are proud to award these seven grants. Each offers a unique service targeted to the medically underserved populations of the Capital District." A list of the 2000 grants is attached.

Through early funding of basic research, Komen has laid the groundwork for some of today's most promising breast cancer treatments. Komen runs the country's most innovative, responsive grant program in breast cancer today and is often the only source of funding for cutting-edge research.

Honorary Co-Chairs for the 2000 Race were First Lady Libby Pataki and News Channel 13's Benita Zahn. Local sponsors of the 2000 Komen Albany Race included: AT&T, Junior League of Albany, Inc., Civil Service Employees Association, Healthcare Association of New York State, KeyCorp Leasing, Delmar Thomson Learning, The Cancer Center of Albany Med, The Preferred Group, Capital District Physicians' Health Plan, St. Peter's Health Care Services, Bellevue Woman's Hospital, Northeast Women's Health Services, Rite Aid Pharmacies, Rueckert & Shanley, NewsChannel 13, Times Union, and The Point 100.9/100.3.

The 2001 Komen Albany Race for the Cure® will be held on October 6th at Albany's Washington Park.



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## **2000 Komen Albany Grants**

### **Physical Therapy for the Management of Lymphedema, \$11,081.**

St. Peter's Hospital in Albany will use these funds for a comprehensive program to manage lymphedema, improving the quality of patients' lives through the application of manual lymph drainage, compression bandaging, exercise and education.

### **Women Caring for Women, \$15,734.**

Northeast Health/Samaritan Hospital in Troy will celebrate Mother's Day and National Breast Cancer Awareness Month by reaching into three medically underserved communities and providing women from these neighborhoods with breast cancer education, breast cancer screening, and when necessary, breast cancer treatment.

### **Wildwood Breast Cancer Awareness Initiative, \$12,263.**

Wildwood Foundation in Schenectady will implement a breast cancer education, prevention and wellness project designed to meet the educational needs of adults with developmental disabilities.

### **Healing Touch Buddies, \$14,558.**

The Center for Complementary Therapies of St Mary's Hospital in Amsterdam will offer healing touch volunteers, free of charge, to people diagnosed with breast cancer. Healing touch treatments, emotional support and referral to local self help groups in the community are provided through this program. Beneficial impacts include pain reduction and relaxation.

### **Reach Out To Women, \$10,000.**

To Life! in Delmar will take important breast cancer health programs to two underserved groups of women: Hispanic women and women in the inner city. Programs include breast self examination training, training women to teach breast cancer self examinations, connecting women to mammograms and training women to lead Awareness Connection and Education groups.

### **The Breast Cancer Waiting Room Book, \$2,000.**

Greater Capital District Coalition for Cancer Survivorship in Albany will use these funds for *The Waiting Room Book* to support, comfort, educate and arm breast cancer survivors who are in the critical stages of diagnosis and treatment with down to earth advice from other breast cancer survivors. The grant is to provide sufficient funding for printing.

### **Minority Outreach Coordinator -- Clinical Trials, \$10,000.**

The Cancer Center of Albany Med will employ a half time minority based or minority registered nurse to serve as a community outreach program coordinator to recruit and enroll minority women in a breast cancer prevention clinical trial.