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**KOMEN ALBANY AFFILIATE AWARDS \$118,000 TO LOCAL
CANCER PROGRAMS:**

Proceeds to Benefit Breast Cancer Outreach, Education and Treatment
in the Capital Region

ALBANY (May 10, 2002) — Ten Capital District organizations will receive \$118,379 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.

Grant recipients include: To Life! For Your Health/Para tu Salud/Montgomery Co. (\$20,000); Cancer Center for Albany Medical Center, Minority Outreach Worker – Clinical Trials, (\$9,650); Amsterdam Memorial Hospital Foundation, Zonta Mammography Program, (\$10,000); Pen & Palette, Coping Through Creativity, (\$10,350); Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood, BSE/Training non-English Speaking Community, (\$17,105); St. Clare's Hospital, Mammography Fund for Special Needs, (\$3,081); St. Peter's Hospital, Building Bridges: Pre-Diagnosis to Recovery, (\$19,656); Wildwood Programs, Breast Cancer Awareness Program, (\$3,041); Cancer Center for Albany Medical Center, New Image Program, (\$10,334); and, St. Mary's Hospital, Amsterdam, Healing Touching Buddies, (\$15,162).

"We are proud to award these grants," said President of the Albany Affiliate Board Susan Kopp, noting that \$450,000 has been awarded locally for breast cancer programs from the proceeds of Komen Albany road races and other charitable events since 1995. "Each offers a unique service targeted to the medically underserved populations of the Capital District."

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 percent of race proceeds support the Foundation's Research Program, which, for the last 20 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 local grant applications, which were then approved by the board of directors of the Albany Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

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The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation sponsors the Albany Race for the Cure® — the world's largest series of 5K runs and fitness walks. The race has grown from a single event in 1983 to a series of more than 100 races with 1.3 million participants in 2001. Last fall's 7th Annual Race in Albany's Washington Park drew almost 3,600 registered runners and walkers, a four-fold increase since 1995. The race was brought to the Capital District seven years ago by the Junior League of Albany, Inc.

The 2002 Komen Albany Race for the Cure® will be held on Saturday, October 5th at Albany's Empire State Plaza. For more information, call 463-3734 or go to albanyracefortheCure.com.

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