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**Komen Albany Affiliate Awards Over \$90,000 to Breast
Cancer Programs**

ALBANY (March 17, 2003) – Eight Capital District organizations will receive \$90,380 in grants for breast cancer outreach, education, screening and treatment programs from the proceeds of last Fall's Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Albany Race for the Cure®.

Grant recipients include: Northeast Health/Samaritan Hospital for the In Celebration of Women Program (\$20,000); Glens Falls Hospital for Mobile Mammography Van Equipment (\$20,000); Camp Bravehearts, Inc. for the Camp Bravehearts Retreat Programs (\$10,480); Wildwood Foundation for the Breast Cancer for Women with Developmental Disabilities Program (\$6,900); To Life! for the Para Tu Salad! Program (\$10,000); Amsterdam Memorial Hospital for the Zonta Mammography Program (\$5,000); St. Peters Hospital for the Building Bridges Program (\$10,000); and St. Mary's Hospital for the Healing Touch Buddies Program (\$8,000).

“We are proud to award these grants to these great programs that offer unique services targeted to the medically underserved populations of the Capital District,” said President of the Albany Affiliate Board, Susan Kopp.

Proceeds from the Race fund education, screening, and treatment programs for the medically underserved in each Race community. An additional 25% of net proceeds support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's National Research Program. Since 1995, approximately \$550,000 has been awarded locally to breast cancer and breast health programs by the Komen Albany Affiliate.

A request for proposals was issued by the Komen Albany Affiliate in the Fall of 2002. A committee of local medical experts, business people, and breast cancer survivors reviewed the local grants applications, which were then reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Albany Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. This year, 18 applications were submitted requesting over \$300,000 in funding.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation sponsors the Albany Race for the Cure® – the world's largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks. The Race has grown nationally from a single event in 1983 to a series of more than 100 races with 1.3 million participants in 2002. Last Fall's Komen Albany Race for the Cure® drew over 3,600 registered runners and walkers, a four-fold increase since 1995. The Race was originally brought to the Capital District by the Junior League of Albany, Inc.

The 2003 Komen Albany Race for the Cure® will be held Saturday, October 4th at Albany's Empire State Plaza. For more information, or to volunteer for the Komen Albany Race for the Cure®, call 518-454-0045 or go to www.albanyraceforthecure.com.

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