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Susan G. Komen® Austin Awards \$428,687 in Grants to Local Community Health Partners
Health care grants to include expanded partnership for mobile mammography

AUSTIN, TX – Susan G. Komen® Austin has awarded eight health care grants to six local community health partners for the 2016-17 grant cycle. A celebration luncheon to honor the community health partners will be held on May 24, 2016 at Hotel Ella.

This year's grants totaling \$428,687, were awarded to the Alliance for African American Health in Central Texas, Breast Cancer Resource Center, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, Community Action Inc. of Central Texas, CommUnityCare, and Women Involved in Nurturing, Giving, and Sharing (WINGS) Inc. The 2015-16 grant for Helping the Aging, Needy, and Disabled (HAND) Inc. has been extended for six months.

Komen Austin's health care grants provide a complete range of breast health services for uninsured and underinsured within a five county area. With this year's grants, Komen Austin estimates it will fund over 3,775 breast health services in the grant cycle. Over the past 6 years, Komen Austin grants have funded over 66,000 breast health services.

"Since 1999, Komen Austin has provided over \$11 million in health care grants into the greater Austin area. These grants fund lifesaving breast health services for those most in need." said Karen Shultz, interim executive director of Komen Austin. "As part of this year's grant awards we are particularly pleased to once again bring mobile mammography to Bastrop and Caldwell. These areas have the greatest need of this critical service."

"No one should die because they could not get quality health care. Without Komen Austin providing grants to our community health partners, our uninsured and underinsured women would be at risk to find care." Said Jennifer Stevens, board president of Komen Austin.

The community health partners provide services in Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson counties. The grants fund a wide range of critical services such as clinical breast exams, screening, mammograms, diagnostic services, patient navigation, biopsies, and treatment care. Additional services include mobile mammography, education, outreach, transportation, emergency assistance, and in home support and social services.

For more information about Komen Austin's Grants, contact, emay@komenaustin.org or call 512-473-0900. To read more about the 2016 community health partners visit <http://komenaustin.org/grants/applying-for-community-grants/>.

About Susan G. Komen® Austin

Susan G. Komen® Austin is an Austin-based nonprofit committed to saving lives locally and fighting breast cancer globally. Komen Austin is the only local breast cancer organization attacking the disease on all fronts – education, screening, treatment, follow-up care, survivorship support, advocacy and research. The organization serves the women and men in the city's five-county area battling breast cancer by removing barriers to care for the uninsured and underinsured. Of the funds raised annually, Komen Austin invests up to 75 percent into local community health care grants and educational initiatives; the remaining 25 percent is invested into global research to find the cures for breast cancer.

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