## YOUR FUNDS AT WORK



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How much of my donation is helping fight breast cancer? A Over the past 12 years, Susan G. Komen® has invested an average of more than 80 cents of every dollar directly into research, community-based health programs, education and advocacy programs to support its mission to save lives by meeting the most critical needs in our communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer. Komen has invested more in breast cancer research than any other nonprofit outside the U.S. government (\$920 million to date); and more than double that amount—more than \$2 billion—in community programs that provide help to those facing breast cancer today.

Our community spending has helped pay for medical and emergency expenses for breast cancer patients, and programs to help patients navigate the care path, from screening through survivorship.

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How does Komen decide which community programs to fund? Each Komen Affiliate conducts a thorough assessment of breast health needs and resources in its service area, called a Community Profile. This is followed by a formal request for grant proposals from local providers, and an impartial review and scoring process for grant applications. Komen grants are awarded after a comprehensive peer review committee ranks them. Grants are awarded until the funds are expended.

Q How will Komen ensure that African-American women—who are at greater risk of being diagnosed with and dying from breast cancer—have access to and utilize high-quality breast cancer care? Komen has always believed that where you live should not determine whether you live, and for decades, Komen, along with its network of Affiliates, has worked to level the playing field for the medically underserved and underinsured.

As part of our Bold Goal, Komen is armed with \$27 million in funding to launch the African-American Health Equity Initiative to end disparities in breast cancer outcomes in the African-American community. The Initiative's initial focus will be in the 10 American cities where the disparities are greatest, where Komen has been working side-by-side with civic, health, government and faith leaders to identify and implement the interventions most relevant to each community with the goal to reduce the gap between African-American and white women in these cities by 25 percent within five years of beginning our work in each city.

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How is executive compensation

determined?

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Komen executive compensation is benchmarked by independent compensation consultants and reviewed by Komen's Board Audit committee; executive salaries are specifically approved by Komen's Board of Directors.

Komen's executive compensations are conservative versus those at major charities and well below those on the most recent Charity Watch Top 25 nonprofit compensation list. www.charitywatch.org/top-charity-salaries

**Does Komen fund Planned Parenthood** clinics using that process?

A Of the more than 1,300 community grants currently funded by Komen Affiliates nationwide, eight are for breast health programs at local Planned Parenthood centers. These funds pay for clinical breast exams and referrals to mammography centers, if needed. Komen under no circumstances funds abortions or reproductive health services anywhere.



Komen is the world's largest breast cancer organization, funding

more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit outside of the federal government, while providing real-time help to those facing the disease.

