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**KOMEN NORTH MISSISSIPPI RACE FOR THE CURE®
AWARDS GRANTS TOTALING \$160,000**

TUPELO, Miss. – Seventy-five percent of the net proceeds from the 2009 Komen North Mississippi Race for the Cure, \$160,000, will provide medically under-served women in this region much needed access to health care and breast cancer treatment, while the remaining 25 percent will be used by Susan G. Komen for the Cure to fund national breast cancer research.

The grants were awarded at a reception held March 12 at the North Mississippi Medical Center Women's Hospital.

“Area not-for-profit organizations were asked to submit proposals that respond to the threat of breast cancer, particularly programs that will be used to provide screening mammograms and educational programs,” said Teri Browder-Radcliffe, affiliate coordinator for the Komen North Mississippi Affiliate. “We were particularly interested in programs that would provide screenings and education for women who are under-insured, uninsured or fall between the cracks in health coverage.”

The grant committee awarded \$160,000 in grants to area not-for-profit organizations and funded the following requests:

- Baptist Memorial Healthcare Foundation was awarded \$48,000 to provide mammograms at the four Baptist hospitals in north Mississippi (New Albany, Booneville, Columbus and Oxford).
- North Mississippi Medical Center Breast Care Center received \$25,500 to provide mammograms for medically under-served women, education and support programs throughout the Komen North Mississippi service area.
- Sisters Network was the recipient of a \$24,000 grant to provide mammograms for the medically under-served, education and support programs for African-American women in the Komen North Mississippi service area.
- Antone Tannehill Good Samaritan Free Clinic was awarded \$17,000 to provide screening mammograms for indigent women in Lee County.

- Spirit of Women received \$8,500 to help fund community breast cancer education programs.
- NMMC-West Point was awarded \$15,000 for mammograms and education.
- Columbus-Lowndes Free Medical Clinic was the recipient of a \$10,000 grant to provide needy women in Lowndes County access to screening mammograms.
- Magnolia Regional Health Center Foundation in Corinth received \$6,000 for a breast cancer educational program.
- NMMC-Iuka was awarded \$6,000 for mammograms and education.

Komen North Mississippi Race for the Cure® serves a 15-county area, which includes Alcorn, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Clay, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Oktibbeha, Tishomingo, Tippah and Union counties.

Tupelo hosted Komen North Mississippi Race for the Cure® Oct. 24, 2009.

Through early funding of basic research, Susan G. Komen for the Cure has laid the groundwork for some of today's most promising breast cancer treatments.

Plans are under way for the 2010 race, which will be held Oct. 23 at the Mall at Barnes Crossing.

For more information on Komen North Mississippi Race for the Cure® call (662) 377-4903.

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Cutline: Representatives from Baptist Memorial Hospitals were on hand to accept their grants, including (from left) Crystal McBrayer of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union County; Allen Linton of Baptist Center for Cancer Care in Oxford; Sergio Warren of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Booneville; Susan King of the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation in Memphis; Shannon Fryery, Komen North Mississippi Affiliate board president; Teri Browder-Radcliffe, Komen North Mississippi Affiliate coordinator; and Christina Brown of Baptist Memorial Hospital Golden Triangle.