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

TUPELO, Miss. – North Mississippi Medical Center-Iuka recently received a \$6,000 grant from Komen North Mississippi Race for the Cure to provide screening mammograms and education for Tishomingo County residents.

Seventy-five percent of the net proceeds from the 2009 North Mississippi Race for the Cure, \$160,000, was granted last week to several area non-profits. The remaining 25 percent will be used by Susan G. Komen for the Cure to fund national breast cancer research.

NMMC-Iuka is teaming up with Segars-Glynn Clinic to provide screening mammograms.

To qualify for a free mammogram, patients must:

- Be a resident of Tishomingo County
- Have no type of medical insurance.

Talk to your health care provider for an application and prescription for a mammogram. If your health care provider does not have an application or you do not have a primary health care provider, call Kathy Patrick at NMMC-Iuka at (662) 423-4044 or (662) 423-4060. In addition, if any local group, such as church groups, civic groups, etc., would like more information or education on breast health, call Patrick.

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 in Tupelo.

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

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Cutline: Kathy Patrick (center), director of nursing at NMMC-Iuka, accepted the grant from (left) Shannon Fryery, Komen North Mississippi Affiliate board president and Teri Browder-Radcliffe, affiliate coordinator.