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In our continued effort to be good stewards of our donors' gifts, we believe strongly that it is important for you to know exactly how the funds raised locally will be used. We are proud of the programs we support to help our neighbors, friends and families as they face breast cancer. This is one of the most difficult points in their lives, and thanks to your passion and generosity, we are there every step of the way to support them.

The Susan G. Komen Affiliate Network is made up of more than 100 local affiliates across the United States. Though we are all one Komen family (One Promise. One Purpose. One World without breast cancer), each affiliate operates as an autonomous entity. The Komen Chattanooga Affiliate serves 16 counties in SE Tennessee and NW Georgia and is governed by an independent Board of Directors. Our Board, Staff and Volunteers work tirelessly year-round, fundraising to provide high-quality, community-level grants to raise awareness, educate, and ensure access to critical breast health services to under-served women and men in our local service area.

75 cents of every dollar we raise stays within our local service area to fund breast health education programs, as well as vital breast cancer screening and treatment assistance. Each year we assess the needs of our community and, utilizing a peer-review panel, determine how to best address them. Over the past 15 years, we have provided \$2.7 million in local grants to our Affiliate Service Area's non-profits for programs that provide free mammograms, screenings, diagnostics, financial support, support groups, survivorship support and breast health education to women and men in our area who need our help.

*Since 2000, we have granted to the following non-profits: American Cancer Society, Bradley Memorial Hospital, Breast Cancer Network of Strength(Formerly Y-Me), Breast Cancer Support Services , Erlanger Cancer Center, Friendship Haven, Girls Incorporated of Chattanooga, Hamilton Medical Center, Hamilton Regional Cancer Institute, Memorial Health Care System Foundation, Northwest Georgia Healthcare Center, North Georgia Healthcare Center, Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership, Primary Health Care Center of Dade, Inc., Southside Dodson Community Health Centers, TN Department of Health. **Susan G. Komen Chattanooga has never given any money to Planned Parenthood.***

We also remain committed to finding the cures for breast cancer. Komen Chattanooga has contributed more than \$900,000 since 2000 to the Susan G. Komen Global Scientific Research Program. The money raised here and sent to Headquarters is strictly for breast cancer research. Overall, thanks to our supporters, Komen has been able to invest more than \$847 million in breast cancer research since 1982. You can find a complete listing of our research grants on komen.org. As it relates specifically to Planned Parenthood, Susan G. Komen Headquarters (based in Dallas, TX) has not, and does not grant to Planned Parenthood.

*Our mission is simply this: **to save lives and end breast cancer forever.***

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email, 423-499-9155 or astewart@komenchattanooga.org Thank you for your continued support of our mission!

Yours in Service,

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