



2009 Grantees

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure Promise: To save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality of care for all and energizing science to find the cures.

The Puget Sound Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure offers grant funding to local organizations that are meeting the breast health and breast cancer needs in our community. Our emphasis is on funding culturally appropriate programs targeting medically-underserved, uninsured or under-insured, low-income, rural, Latina/Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, African American, American Indian, lesbian and bisexual women living in the 16 county region.

The Komen Puget Sound Affiliate is pleased to award \$2.35 million in grant funding in 2009 to the following organizations:

Early Detection/Education:

Chinese Information and Service Center, “Asian Women’s Breast Cancer Prevention Project”

The Asian Women’s Breast Cancer Prevention Project is increasing awareness of breast cancer and the importance of mammography screening in the Asian American community, and providing access to breast cancer screening through educational workshops, one-on-one outreach, health fairs, and breast cancer screenings. A minimum of 350 women will be served, and at least 50 women will receive breast cancer screening.

CHOICE Regional Health Network, “Outreach and Education to Increase Early Detection of Breast Cancer in Five Southwest Washington Counties”

CHOICE Regional Health Network is expanding their current outreach and breast health education in Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston counties and provide targeted outreach to African American, Southeast Asian immigrant and Hispanic women. This project will reach out to 1,300 women and screen 125 women.

Family Planning of Clallam County, “Honoring Women’s Health Project”

The Honoring Women’s Health Project is working to improve the health and well-being of rural, low-income, uninsured or under-insured, American Indian, Latina and/or sexual minority women living in Clallam County by increasing knowledge of and access to breast cancer screening and early detection. This project will reach 1,300 medically underserved women with breast health education and provide access to breast cancer screening to approximately 430 women.

International Community Health Services, “Breast Health Outreach, Prevention and Education (B-HOPE) Program”

The B-HOPE Program provides culturally-competent community-based breast health outreach and education and screenings to low-income, limited English proficient Chinese, Filipina, Korean, Mien, Samoan and other Pacific Islander, and Vietnamese women living in Seattle/King County. Bilingual female community advocates promote breast health through one-on-one, group, and media-based outreach and education and also provide on-site interpretation during breast health screenings, conduct in-language reminder and follow-up calls for breast cancer screenings. The project will reach 3,000 women with breast health education and anticipates screening 1,500 women.

Mount Baker Planned Parenthood, “Breast Health Outreach in Underserved Communities in Northwest Washington - Entre Amigas”

Whatcom and Skagit Counties have growing Hispanic populations including migrant farm workers. Traditional education/outreach models are not successful with this underserved demographic. MBPP is expanding their “Entre Amigas” peer education program to include comprehensive breast health and early detection and will reach more than 400 women with breast health education and access to screening.

Neighborcare Health, “Increasing Breast Cancer Screening Among Somali and Latina Women in Seattle’s Rainier Valley”

This project will address disparities in breast cancer screenings and breast cancer survival rates for Somali and Latina women living in Rainier Valley. Key activities include: recruiting, training and coordinating peer-educators from within the target communities; hosting 3 culturally appropriate Women’s Health Fairs; providing 10 mammography service days at Neighborcare Health’s Rainier Park Medical Clinic. The project will provide breast health education to 600 Somali and Latina women, and screen more than 500 medically underserved women.

Samoan National Nurses Association, “Increasing Education, Screening and Support Services to Pacific Islander Samoan and Chamorro Communities”

The Samoan National Nurses Association is improving breast cancer education, screening and support services to Pacific Islander, Samoan and Tongan communities. The project promotes culturally sensitive breast cancer education, access to screening and patient navigation to more than 600 Samoan and Chamorro women and their families living in Pierce and King Counties. The SNNA will work with community groups such as churches and cultural and social groups to accomplish their goals.

Senior Services, “Senior Outreach Breast Health Education and Screening Project”

This project will conduct community outreach and educate 1,900 older African American, Asian Pacific Islander, Hispanic and American Indian women about the importance of mammography screening. Senior Services will also hold mobile mammography screenings at senior centers, retirement homes, community centers and other locations throughout King County and will screen 325 women.

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency, “Native Women’s Wellness Program”

The Native Women's Wellness Program provides breast health outreach and education, screening and support activities to women in rural tribal communities who are rarely, or have never been, screened for breast cancer. The project serves primarily Native American women living on or near the reservation communities of Chehalis, Nisqually, Shoalwater Bay, Skykomish, Squaxin Island and Quinault Indian Nation, located in rural Southwest Washington and will reach more than 2,000 women.

Washington State Department of Health, "Komen Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnostic Fund"

The Washington Breast, Cervical and Colon Health Program (WBCCHP) provides breast cancer screenings and diagnostic services to women ages 40-64, whose incomes are at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level and are uninsured or underinsured. This grant allows WBCCHP to expand its screening capacity so that an additional 2,488 women who live in the Puget Sound service area may be screened and have access to diagnostic procedures if needed.

Washington State Department of Health, "Safeway-Komen Breast Cancer Screening Fund"

Funding from Safeway will allow for an additional 462 Hispanic women living in the Puget Sound service area to access screening mammography.

YWCA of Seattle-King County-Snohomish County, "Mobile Screening Expansion"

The YWCA's Mobile Screening Expansion will provide culturally appropriate outreach and breast health education emphasizing the importance of screening and early detection to 3,500 women in the African-American, Latina, and Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered (LBT) communities, and linkage to screening mammography through 21 mobile screening events in King County. In addition, the YWCA will refer women into 14 other mobile screenings and existing clinic sites of the Washington Breast and Cervical Health Program to establish a more permanent "medical home" for women and their families.

Patient Navigation

Franciscan Foundation, "Breast Cancer Navigator Program"

The goal of the Breast Cancer Navigator Program is to increase medically underserved minority women's survival from breast cancer by improving access to early screening, diagnosis and treatment. Female navigators who share women's own culture, race, ethnicity and language educate women about breast cancer and the need for screening and help them access breast cancer screenings. Women diagnosed with breast cancer receive one-on-one medical navigation, helping them to connect to culturally competent, high-quality treatment and access practical and emotional support in managing the disease. The program will serve more than 3,000 women.

HealthPoint, "Breast Cancer Patient Navigation and Case Management"

The purpose of HealthPoint's Breast Cancer Case Management Program is to ensure that patients have the necessary supportive services and assistance with systems navigation to complete their treatment plan. The program will provide one-on-one crisis intervention,

navigation support to access program and groups, and psychosocial assessment and treatment to support successful completion of breast cancer treatment to approximately 65 breast cancer patients.

Patient Assistance/Treatment Support:

Cancer Lifeline, “Komen Patient Assistance Program”

Cancer Lifeline administers the Komen Patient Assistance Fund to help low-income breast cancer patients with the costs of daily living while they are in treatment. This fund is available in all 16 counties of the Puget Sound service area and will provide assistance to more than 550 patients with breast cancer.