

YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas Receives Support from The North Texas Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure

Donation allows YW to expand their successful YW Women's Health program into Collin and Denton counties.

DALLAS, Texas (April 11, 2011) – YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas (YW) announced today that it has received a \$44,446 grant from The North Texas Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. YW Women's Health is a program offering free mammograms and diagnostic screenings for underserved women in the community who do not have easy access to care. For over 15 years, the YW Women's Health program has empowered women in Dallas County to follow through with breast-health care by overcoming barriers created by a lack of insurance and transportation, and limited English proficiency. This grant connects YW with other dynamic agencies in the area striving to serve women in need.

Research proves that breast cancer that is identified within the first 12 months has nearly 100% cure rate – therefore, not receiving an annual mammogram for many women is literally the difference between life and death. Sadly, many women elect to forgo preventive health care due to economic constraints – YW believes no woman should have to risk their life because of their socioeconomic status. “Believing lives are saved through early detection, YW offers a free comprehensive women's breast health program to under-insured and uninsured low-income women between the ages of 35-64 combining community-based mammogram screenings, diagnostic assistance, case management, community resource referrals, breast self-examination education, and transportation assistance,” states YW CEO Jennifer Ware. “Through education, access, and diagnosis women experience earlier detection, expanded treatment options, and lower mortality rates.”

YW is greatly appreciative of The North Texas Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure's gift and the opportunity to serve women in Collin and Denton counties. All YW programs and services are free of charge and available in English and Spanish. For information about YW Women's Health call 214.584.2305, 214.584.2341 or 214.584.2323, or go to www.ywcadallas.org.

About YW:

YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas (YW) is dedicated to addressing the most critical needs for women in Dallas, offering programs in the areas of financial education and tools, pregnancy and parenting education, and women's health services. YW's goal is to educate and guide women toward becoming self-sufficient.

At YW we work for women, we volunteer for women, we advocate for women, we raise funds to change women's lives, and we work with all in the community who share our vision of empowering women. Visit www.ywcadallas.org to learn more.

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About The North Texas Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure:

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement. The North Texas Affiliate of Komen for the Cure is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the local community. Through events like the Komen North Texas Plano Race for the Cure, the Komen North Texas Affiliate has invested \$9 million in local breast health and breast cancer awareness projects in Collin, Denton and Grayson Counties. Of the funds Komen North Texas raises, 75 percent is invested in North Texas. The remaining 25 percent goes to the national Susan G. Komen for the Cure Grants Program to fund scientific research. For more information, call 972-378-4808 or visit www.komennorthtexas.org.

About United Way of Metropolitan Dallas:

United Way of Metropolitan Dallas is the largest non-governmental funder of health and human services in Dallas, Collin, Rockwall and southern Denton counties. Locally governed and volunteer-led, UWMD is currently working to create long-term community impact in the key areas of education, income and health. Visit www.unitedwaydallas.org to learn more.

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