



SUSAN G. KOMEN® INVESTS IN THE FUTURE OF BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

Georgia Researchers Will Receive \$450,000 in New Research Funding

DALLAS, TEXAS – Oct. 1, 2014 – Following through on a commitment to young scientists and clinicians, the Susan G. Komen® organization today announced new grants to more than 50 early-career breast cancer researchers -- almost half of Komen's \$34.7 million investment in new breast cancer research funding for 2014.

The grants include \$450,000 in new funding for research at Emory University in Georgia, bringing Komen's total research investment in Georgia to \$2.8 million since 1982.

"Our 2014 grants are intended to ensure continuity in breast cancer research for years to come," said Komen President and CEO Judith A. Salerno, M.D., M.S. "With federal research dollars tightening, we're deeply concerned that a generation of promising breast cancer researchers will be lost to other fields.

"While we fund young researchers, we're also continuing to grant to established researchers whose work has led to significant progress against this disease," she said.

Komen is funding nearly \$16 million in new grants to early-career researchers – those who are still in training and those at the earliest stages of their research careers. The remaining funds are being granted to leading breast cancer scientists who have already made significant contributions to the field, and to support scientific programs and partnerships that advance Komen's mission to end breast cancer forever.

Komen is the largest nonprofit funder of breast cancer research, with more than \$847 million invested since its founding in 1982. But research is just one aspect of Komen's mission: since 1982, Komen and its Affiliates have invested more than \$1.8 billion in community health outreach and global programs that last year served more than half a million women and men facing breast cancer. More than 80 cents of every dollar Komen spends is devoted to mission programs.

Komen's Investments in Georgia

Komen's research program is funded in part by contributions from local Komen Affiliates across the country, which annually contribute 25 percent of net funds raised in their local community to Komen's research program, with the remaining 75 percent staying in the community to fund community outreach programs.

Since 2000, Susan G. Komen Central Georgia has funded \$1,732,046 to community programs serving local women and men, while contributing \$631,259 to Komen research.

“We’re very proud that the funds we’ve raised in Central Georgia are not only providing real-time help to our neighbors, but coming back to our universities and hospitals for research that can save lives,” said Jill Vanderhoek, Executive Director.

In Georgia, the new 2014 Komen research grants include:

Mylin Torres, M.D., of Emory University will receive \$450,000 in funding to investigate how specific treatments can lead to inflammation and cancer-related fatigue in breast cancer patients. Patients will be followed from diagnosis through to one year after treatment to identify treatment-related changes that turn on and off specific genes, a process called epigenetics. This work will inform future clinical trials aimed at preventing or reversing treatment-induced epigenetic changes that can lead to long-term persistent fatigue.

[A full list of Komen’s 2014 research grants can be found here.](#)*

A list of community health programs funded by Susan G. Komen Central Georgia can be found [here](#).

For more information about Komen’s overall mission investments, please visit komen.org.

About Susan G. Komen®

Susan G. Komen is the world’s largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. Since its founding in 1982, Komen has funded over \$847 million in research and provided \$1.8 billion in funding to screening, education, treatment and psychosocial support programs serving millions of people in more than 30 countries worldwide. Komen was founded by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy’s life. Visit komen.org or call 1-877 GO KOMEN. Connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About Susan G. Komen Central Georgia

Susan G. Komen Central Georgia was founded in 1999 and held its first Race for the Cure in 2000. The Affiliate’s eight county service area includes Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, and Twiggs counties. Through annual events, including the Race for the Cure, and individual contributions, the Affiliate has invested over \$1.7 million in breast health programs. 75 percent of the net income goes toward funding grants to local hospitals and community organizations that provide breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for medically underserved women and men. The remaining 25 percent supports the national Komen Grants Program, which funds groundbreaking breast cancer research, meritorious awards and educational and scientific programs around the world. For more information, visit www.komencentralga.org or email info@komencentralga.org. Connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/komencentralgeorgia and Twitter [@komencentralga](https://twitter.com/komencentralga).