The Race for the Cure series is Komen Idaho Montana’s largest fundraiser. With 4 Races throughout Idaho and Montana there is rarely a time of year that Race is being planned or executed. On May 13, Komen Idaho Montana hosted the 19th Boise Race for the Cure with 5,539 participants, 502 survivors and forever fighters, and raised $56,270.27 in individual donations.

On May 20, Komen Idaho Montana hosted the 23rd Helena Race for the Cure with 1,097 participants, 111 survivors and forever fighters, and raised $14,911 in individual donations. On September 17, Komen Idaho Montana hosted the 20th Coeur d’Alene Race for the Cure with 652 participants, 70 survivors and forever fighters, and raised $7,501 in individual donations.

On October 7, Komen Idaho Montana hosted the 2nd Annual Pocatello Race for the Cure with 62 participants, 9 survivors and forever fighters, and raised $645 in individual donations.
Komen Idaho Montana awarded $120,000 in community grants to 16 grantees in Idaho and Montana in April 2017. Komen Idaho Montana establishes its funding priorities by conducting a Community Profile needs assessment. The needs assessment of Komen Idaho Montana has identified the following areas for the 2016-2017 grant cycle to fund an array of breast cancer programs and services:

- Increased screening for underinsured, uninsured, and low income women/men
- Increased screening access for rural women/men
- Increased support for persons in breast cancer treatment or survivorship
- Improved communication between patients and health care providers
- Fill gaps across the continuum of care in your community

Komen Idaho Montana has awarded over $7.2 million in community grants and contributed over $2.3 million to Breast Cancer Research.

Seventy-five percent of the net funds raised by Komen Idaho Montana stays local to help men and women in need. The remaining 25 percent goes to the Komen National Breast Cancer Research Portfolio. To date Komen Idaho Montana has awarded over $7.2 million in community grants and contributed over $2.3 million to the breast cancer research.

In April Komen Idaho Montana staff members joined other Komen Affiliates in Washington DC for Komen Advocacy Days. Komen Idaho Montana staff met with members of Congress to advocate for:

- Make biomedical research an unwavering national priority by increasing the investment to the National Institutes of Health in the FY17 and FY18 budgets.
- Preserving women’s access to breast cancer screening by funding the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program at $275 million in the FY17 and FY18 budgets.
- Ensuring breast cancer patients can access the treatments they need to save their lives by limiting patients’ out-of-pocket costs and eliminating the disparity in health insurance coverage between orally and intravenously-administered anti-cancer medications.
Komen Idaho Montana celebrated National Breast Cancer Awareness Month with many great community events to raise a record number of funds for local men and women in need:

- Boise State University Breast Cancer Health Hut
- Boot Camp for the Cure with The Gym
- Brake for Breakfast
- CAL Ranch Stores
- Chevrolet Buick GMC of Helena
- Chevrolet of Twin Falls
- Fit for the Cure
- Great Falls Pink Tea
- Jefferson High School
- Marsing High School
- Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day
- Mountain West Bank
- PaintNite
- Pamper Me Pink with Kootenai Health

**Governor’s Proclamation in Idaho for Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day**

The Idaho Montana Affiliate of Susan G. Komen proudly announces that Governor Otter has proclaimed October 13, 2017 as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day in Idaho. Metastatic breast cancer (also called stage IV or advanced breast cancer) is breast cancer that has spread beyond the breast to other organs in the body (most often the bones, lungs, liver or brain).

In the U.S., it’s estimated that at least 154,000 people have metastatic breast cancer. Most often, metastatic breast cancer develops when the cancer returns at some point after the initial breast cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Komen Idaho Montana also hosted our second annual Big Wig campaign and raised $18,911. This year Big Wigs represented 6 businesses in the Treasure Valley:

- **Dr. David Pate, MD, JD** – St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center
- **Marty Cullen** – AL Plumbing and Perfect Air
- **Graeber & Company**
- **Saint Alphonus Medical Center**
- **JP Green** – Cyclebar Meridien
- **Curt Perry** – Pioneer Federal Credit Union
Susan G. Komen announced a bold plan on September 13, 2016 to reduce the nation’s 40,000 breast cancer deaths by 50 percent in 10 years, by improving access to quality and timely cancer care for the underserved and enhancing Komen’s research focus on lethal breast cancers.

Pink is more than just a color; it represents the impact that each person is making in the fight against the most frequently diagnosed cancer worldwide.

The More Than Pink movement celebrates the heroes who have made a significant impact in the fight to end breast cancer. Whether you’re the doctor who won’t give up on a patient, the volunteer who gives their free time to ensure the Race for the Cure goes off without a hitch, or the child who sells lemonade in honor of his or her mother; More Than Pink will provide the inspiration for everyone to act, donate, and get involved.

The List honors a wide variety of figures including: Dr. Mary-Claire King (discoverer of the genetic link for increased breast cancer risk); Dr. Craig Jordan (the “Father of Tamoxifen”); former First Ladies Laura Bush and Betty Ford; Princess Dina Mired of Jordan; and celebrities and public figures who have advanced our cause: WWE Superstar John Cena; singer/songwriter Jason Aldean; professional boxing champion Oscar De La Hoya; and everyday heroes such as Allison Titus and Jordan Phillips, young women whose families have been affected by breast cancer and who have raised funds to ensure that no family is affected as they were. The More Than Pink movement provides a national platform on which to share their stories and encourage others to join.

October 2017, Susan G. Komen hires Paula Schneider as the new President and CEO. She joined the team in Dallas after a successful career in the retail business world. She supports the Bold Goal and mission of Susan G. Komen and is looking for ways to strengthen the organization.
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