



Leading the Global Movement to End Breast Cancer Forever

Our Story

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®, now the world's largest breast cancer organization and the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer with more than \$2.9 billion invested to date. For more information about Susan G. Komen®, breast health or breast cancer, visit komen.org or call 1-877 GO KOMEN.

Our Mission

The Susan G. Komen promise: to save lives by meeting the most critical needs in our communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer. Since 1999 the Idaho Montana Affiliate of Susan G. Komen® has raised over \$7.4 million! Up to 75% of the net proceeds fund local breast cancer programs in Idaho and Montana, and at least 25% supports the national Susan G. Komen® Grants Program to fund research. Thousands of Idaho and Montana women and men who could not afford breast healthcare have received screening and diagnostic mammograms, education and patient assistance as a result of funds raised through the Race for the Cure® races each year.

Our Passion

Because 10 million women around the world could die from breast cancer in the next 25 years without the cure, Susan G. Komen is fighting every minute of every day to save every life.

Our Affiliate

Montana Affiliate

In 1995, with proceeds from its first Race for the Cure, Komen Montana began its mission of providing breast cancer education and screening throughout the state. The Montana Affiliate of Susan G. Komen was officially formed in 1999 to carry out the promise of Susan G. Komen. An existing group of dedicated breast cancer survivors, breast health advocates and others continued to work tirelessly as volunteers. In 2007 the Affiliate hired its first Executive Director. In 2010 Komen Montana achieved a landmark goal of having awarded over \$1 million dollars in grants throughout the state.

Since 1999, Komen Montana distributed 67 community grants totaling almost \$1.5 million to provide over 7,000 mammograms and distribute education materials to tens of thousands of Montanans. One of the greatest disadvantages for people living in Montana can be the access to mammograms. Priority funding has been for free mammograms to women in impoverished, rural areas.

Idaho Affiliate

Komen Boise and Komen Coeur d'Alene were both founded in 1999. Komen Boise originally covered 5 counties in southwest Idaho but later expanded to cover 19 counties in southwest and central Idaho. Komen Coeur d'Alene covered 5 counties in Northern Idaho. In April 2012, Komen Boise united with Komen Coeur d'Alene to become Komen Idaho and cover 19 counties in southwest, central, and northern Idaho. In April 2015, Komen Idaho expanded to cover all 44 counties in Idaho, providing services in Eastern Idaho for the first time.

Since 1999, Komen Idaho has granted over \$5.4 million dollars that stays in our local service area and is dedicated to breast cancer awareness, education, screening, support and treatment in Idaho.

Idaho Montana Affiliate

In June 2015, The Idaho Affiliate and the Montana Affiliate merged to form Komen Idaho Montana. The merging of the Affiliates strengthens Komen presence in both states allowing for more focus on the mission of saving lives and ending breast cancer forever.

Our People

Each year the Idaho Montana Affiliate of Susan G. Komen® enlists the help of hundreds of volunteers to put on the Race for the Cure® in Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and Missoula.

Our Success

The Idaho Montana Affiliate of Susan G. Komen® has played a critical role in supporting Idaho and Montana grantees with funding for breast health education, screening, and patient assistance programs. Remarkable programs that have made positive breast health impact for women who otherwise could not afford it.

Our IMPACT

Since 1995 we have invested over \$7.4 million dollars in community grants and national research. 75% of the net proceeds stay in Idaho and Montana, and 25% supports the National Susan G. Komen® Research Grant Program which support ground breaking breast cancer research and scientific programs around the world.

Did You Know?

- Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer and is the leading cause of cancer death among women worldwide.
- The five year survival rate for breast cancer, when caught early before it spreads beyond the breast, is now 99 percent in the U.S. (compared to 74 percent in 1982).
- Idaho and Montana is ranked the lowest in the nation for women over 40 receiving their mammograms.