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**Susan G. Komen® Central Indiana
announces 2016 Community Impact Grant Recipients**

Local community feels positive impact of life-saving breast health services

INDIANAPOLIS – Susan G. Komen® Central Indiana is awarding a total of \$832,677 in Community Impact Grants to 15 breast health programs in its 41-county service area.

Over the years, Komen Central Indiana has awarded more than \$20 million in Community Impact Grants to local organizations that deliver breast health services in central Indiana and the Wabash Valley. These grants are focused on helping local women, men and families with the early detection of breast cancer and navigating treatment. Grant funds cover screenings (clinical breast exams and mammograms), diagnostics (biopsies and ultrasounds), treatment assistance, health care navigation, medication assistance and support services, such as transportation, to ensure women complete treatment with support they need but cannot afford. Grants were selected by an independent grant review panel that reflects the community.

“As we recently celebrated the 25th Annual Race for the Cure, our organization is proud that the majority of funds raised still remain in our community as a source of help to women, men and families in need,” said Natalie Sutton, executive director of Susan G. Komen Central Indiana. “By focusing on early detection and navigating treatment, we help these neighbors today, and by funding research, happening in our community and around the world, we work for better outcomes tomorrow. This has been our charge since the first Race for the Cure and today.”

As a result of the 2014-2015 Komen Central Indiana community grants, more than 100 local women and men received their diagnoses of breast cancer, allowing them to seek and receive the treatment they need. In 2014-2015, Komen Central Indiana grant funding reached more than 26,000 Hoosiers with 40,000 life-saving breast health services including mammograms, diagnostics, patient navigation and survivor support.

"The partnership between Susan G. Komen Central Indiana and Rush Memorial Hospital has made it possible for numerous women and men who are uninsured or



underinsured to receive breast health services,” said Erin Pike, patient navigator and director of oncology/hematology at Rush Memorial Hospital. “Without this partnership, many patients would not have these important services because of the financial burden. Our goal in 2016-2017 is to continue to serve those in need in our community, and in turn, increase survival rates and decrease late stage diagnosis rates.”

A resident living in Komen Central Indiana’s 41-county service area and in need of breast health assistance can contact the nearest grantee listed below to find local resources. Many of this year’s grants focus on serving underinsured and uninsured individuals and eliminating disparities to ensure quality care for all.

The 2016 grant recipients, their breast health programs and county / counties served include:

- **Boone County Community Clinic:** Breast Cancer Screening & Education. *Boone, Clinton counties.*
- **Cancer Services of East Central Indiana:** "Reaching Out" Breast Health. *Delaware County.*
- **Cancer Services of Grant County:** Breast Education Screening & Survival Program. *Grant County.*
- **Clara Fairbanks Center for Women:** Screening Mammograms, Diagnostic Mammograms, Ultrasounds and Diagnostic Biopsy Procedures. **Indiana:** *Clay, Greene, Monroe, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo counties.* **Illinois:** *Clark, Edgar counties.*
- **Columbus Regional Health:** Mammography Assistance Program (MAP). *Bartholomew, Brown, Johnson counties.*
- **Eskenazi Health:** EMBRACE Patient Navigation. *Marion County.*
- **Gennesaret Free Clinic:** Women's Health Initiative. *Marion County.*
- **Hancock Regional Hospital:** Andis Women's Clinic. *Hancock, Henry, Madison, Marion, Rush, Shelby counties.*
- **HealthNet:** Marion County Breast Health Outreach and Screening Assistance. *Marion County.*
- **Indiana State University:** ISU Genetic Counseling Center at Union Hospital. **Indiana:** *Clay, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo counties.* / **Illinois:** *Clark, Edgar, Madison counties.*



- **Interlocal Community Action Program:** ICAP Mammogram Assistance Program. *Delaware, Henry, Rush counties.*
- **Learning Network of Clinton County:** Reducing Breast Health Disparities for Latina Women in *Clinton County.*
- **Little Red Door Cancer Agency:** Breast Cancer Assistance Program (BCAP). *Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan, Shelby counties.*
- **Rush Memorial Hospital Foundation:** Decreasing Late Stage Diagnosis through Patient Navigation, Screenings, Diagnostics, & Treatment Support. *Decatur, Rush, Shelby, Fayette, Franklin counties.*
- **YWCA of Greater Lafayette:** Women's Cancer Program. *Clay, Greene, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo, Boone, Clinton, Hamilton, Howard, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton counties.*

About Susan G. Komen Central Indiana

Through generous gifts of time, money and personal commitment, Komen Central Indiana helps local women today with early detection and navigating treatment in 41 central Indiana counties. Komen helps women tomorrow by conducting research to make detection easier, care better and outcomes more successful. Visit komencentralindiana.org or call 317-638-2873 for more information. Connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/komencentralindiana and Twitter [@KomenCentralIN](https://twitter.com/KomenCentralIN).

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