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As vice president, research, evaluation and scientific programs at Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, the world's largest private funder of breast cancer research, Chandini Portteus is responsible for the mission critical functions of research grant making, evaluation of mission impact and oversight of the organization's scientific advisory board and council. Portteus works closely with Komen for the Cure's chief scientific advisor, Dr. Eric Winer, to translate scientific strategy into programs that will have an impact on the lives of breast cancer patients.

Portteus joined Komen in 2005 as a program manager responsible for the development of an inaugural funding mechanism focused on specific areas in breast cancer research. She became the director of grants in 2006 and led the organization's research and awards program during the years of Komen's greatest growth in research investment, which nearly doubled in three years to fund a record \$100 million towards research in fiscal year 2008. In 2010, Portteus became director of scientific programs, overseeing the functions of Komen's scientific advisors, a distinguished group of leaders in breast cancer research who provide expertise across a variety of areas related to the organization's mission.

Prior to her work at Komen, Portteus served as a member of clinical research and public health teams at the University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and Children's Medical Center of Dallas. Her work included research in areas of pediatric psychiatry, substance abuse and addictions, epidemiology and health disparities.

Portteus received her Bachelor of Arts in psychology, with a minor in biology, from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and will receive her master's of public health from the University of Texas-Houston in spring 2011.

Portteus is a member of the International Cancer Research Partners, the Health Research Alliance advisory board and the American Public Health Association. She is very passionate about volunteerism and serves as a member of many philanthropic organizations. Her involvement has included roles as a Baylor Medical Center auxiliary member, Genesis Women's Shelter shareholder, Habitat for Humanity core volunteer, Dallas Reads adult literacy tutor, and Dallas Independent School District Health Prep mentor. She is an active member of the Junior League of Dallas and volunteers her time to serve the children at Bryan's House, a care facility for children with HIV and AIDS.

Portteus is married with three children.