Cancer inequities, or disparities, are adverse differences in cancer outcomes among specific population groups, such as those characterized by race/ethnicity, religion or nationality, socioeconomic status, age, sexual orientation, geography or disability.

Quick Facts:

- African-American & Hispanic/Latina women are more likely to be diagnosed with advanced breast cancer than white women.
- Mammography screening rates among American Indian and Alaska Native women are lower than rates among white, African-American and Asian-American women.
- Uninsured women have lower rates of breast cancer screening and have more advanced breast cancer at diagnosis compared to women with health insurance.

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The annual costs of medical care associated with breast cancer disparities*

* C-Change: THE SOCIETAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES, 2010

Komen in Your Community

In Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17)*, Komen Headquarters and Affiliates funded more than $33 million to local community organizations within the U.S. to support programs to overcome the barriers to quality health care by providing breast health education, screening, diagnosis and treatment services.

In FY17, Komen funded:

- 404 grantees providing one-on-one and group education sessions that share breast cancer education messages.
- 541 grantees providing services to overcome barriers to breast cancer screening including free or low-cost clinical breast exams and screening mammograms, as well as services that facilitate screening such as transportation and patient navigation.
- 618 grantees providing services that overcome barriers to breast cancer diagnosis and treatment such as financial assistance for those receiving breast cancer treatment, diagnostic tests, transportation to appointments, patient navigation and interventions to improve quality-of-life.

FY17 Komen Headquarters and U.S. Affiliate Community Grant Funds by Area of Care

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Komen Research Dollars at Work

Since 1982, Komen has invested more than $110M in over 270 research grants and more than 160 clinical trials addressing breast cancer inequities.

FY17 Research Grants focus on Survivorship and Outcomes

Testing a health care delivery program to optimize care and improve outcomes for African-American and low-income women.

Determining how patient navigation affects patient acceptance of recommended breast cancer treatment in minority populations.

Identifying the genetic differences that contribute to higher rates of triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) in African-American and Ghanian women.

In FY17, Komen invested more than $2.6M in 8 grants addressing breast cancer inequities.

Komen’s research grants achieve health equity by supporting new research, collaborations and training opportunities in the biomedical, clinical and social sciences to address inequities in breast cancer care.

FY17 Grants Include:

4 grants supporting programs dedicated to training students in the science of breast cancer disparities.

1 grant supporting a clinical trial testing healthcare delivery methods to reduce breast cancer inequities in specific populations.

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Go to http://gak.mn/Hn2fuEG

Komen Around the World

FY17 Global Community Grant Funds by Area of Care

7 Global education grants

10 Global screening grants

7 Global diagnostic and treatment grants

In FY17, Komen awarded 12 community health grants totaling $1.1M to organizations serving communities in low- and middle-income countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. These funds allowed local non-profit organizations to meet some of the most critical needs in their communities aiming to reduce deaths from breast cancer.

Global community grants provide education and services to overcome barriers to timely and quality screening, diagnosis and treatment. This includes services such as education sessions that share breast self-awareness messages and information about available breast cancer services, health provider trainings, free or low-cost services, transportation to services, care coordination, language translation and quality of life interventions.

Komen’s Advocacy Efforts

Secured state and federal funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) serving 5.2 million low-income, uninsured and underinsured women since the program’s inception.

Advocating for policies to improve insurance coverage of breast cancer treatments and screening, including increased access to drug therapies and limiting out-of-pocket costs for diagnostic mammography.

Evaluating state and federal policies to increase awareness, education and access to clinical trials for all patient populations.

I WANT TO TAKE ACTION!
Join our advocacy efforts and stay "in the know" about our current legislative and advocacy actions by visiting the link http://bit.ly/1cixOu8

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