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VNA OF FOX VALLEY RECEIVES GRANT FROM KOMEN CHICAGO AFFILIATE TO PROVIDE FREE MAMMOGRAMS TO UNINSURED WOMEN

Chicago, IL. – April 2010 – The Chicagoland Area Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® has awarded a \$75,000 grant to VNA Health Centers. The grant from Komen for the Cure will support the women’s health program and is expected to serve 528 women by providing the funds for digital mammograms.

“We are thrilled to receive the Komen for the Cure funding to provide mammograms. This simple test is an important part of the primary and preventive care VNA Health Centers provide in the Aurora and Elgin communities,” stated Linnea Windel, President/CEO of VNA of Fox Valley.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure is the world’s largest breast cancer organization, and the Chicagoland Area Affiliate is one of 125 Affiliates on the front lines dedicated to ending breast cancer in their communities. Komen Affiliates fund innovative programs that help women and men overcome the cultural, social, educational and financial barriers to breast cancer screening and treatment.

“At the Komen Chicagoland Area Affiliate, we conducted a needs assessment of our community and discovered the need to address breast health disparities in underserved communities,” said Executive Director, Michael Ziener. “We are confident that through the women’s health program at VNA Health Center, low income and uninsured women will have access to this life-saving test.”

About VNA of Fox Valley

The Visiting Nurse Association of Fox Valley (VNA), is a humanitarian, not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing compassionate, dependable and comprehensive primary care and community health services. VNA provides healthcare with a team of over 200 physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, rehabilitation therapists, registered dietitians, medical social workers and support personnel.

This care is delivered in patient’s homes through the Home Health, Hospice, and HouseCalls programs; at various public locations through community wellness programs, and at VNA Health Centers.

VNA serves people of all ages and all socioeconomic levels. For more information about VNA services, please visit www.vnafoxvalley.org.

About Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and the Komen Chicagoland Area Affiliate

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever, and in 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen for the

Cure. The Chicagoland Area Affiliate is part of the world's largest and most progressive grassroots network fighting breast cancer.

Through events like the Komen Chicago Race for the Cure, the Chicagoland Area Affiliate has invested over \$9M in community breast cancer programs in five counties. Up to 75 percent of net proceeds generated by the Affiliate stays in the Chicagoland Area. The remaining 25 percent funds breast cancer research. For more information, call 773-444-0061 or visit www.komenchicago.org

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