

# MISSION FAST FACTS:

## Komen's Investment in Breast Cancer Disparities



**Cancer disparities** are differences in cancer outcomes among specific population groups. These groups may include, but are not limited to, those characterized by race/ethnicity, religion or nationality, socioeconomic status, age, sexual orientation, geography or disability.

### Quick Facts

African American and Hispanic women are more likely to be diagnosed with advanced breast cancer than Caucasian women

Asian/Pacific Islander and Native American/Alaskan Native women are less likely to get mammograms than African American or Caucasian women

Uninsured women have lower rates of breast cancer screening and have more advanced breast cancer at diagnosis compared to women with health insurance

**\$674.1\***  
**million**

annual costs of  
medical care  
associated with  
breast cancer  
disparities

\*C-Change report on The Societal and Economic Impact of Cancer Health Disparities.

Download the report by going to <http://bit.ly/1dmNIXf>

## Komen in Your Community

In 2012 alone, Susan G. Komen® Affiliates funded **over 1900** grants totaling more than **\$92 million** to local community organizations. Those community organizations provided millions of services to address barriers and needs related to breast cancer disparities. These services included:

 **368,000**  
Mammograms

 **176,000**  
Clinical Breast Exams

 **90,000**  
Diagnostic Services  
ultrasounds, biopsies,  
blood tests

### Education



**3.7 million**

people educated through community-based programs to increase awareness of breast health and breast cancer

### Support



**36,000**

people benefited from services addressing the psychological and social aspects of breast cancer

### Clinical Trials



**21,000**

people educated about clinical trials

### Assistance



**16,000**

people received assistance such as transportation, food and emergency financial support for bills or other essentials



Learn more about facts breast cancer disparities by using the QR code or by going to <http://sgk.mn/1hEzkG>

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# Komen Research Dollars at Work

Komen has invested more than **\$89 million** in over **250 grants** on Disparities Research to:



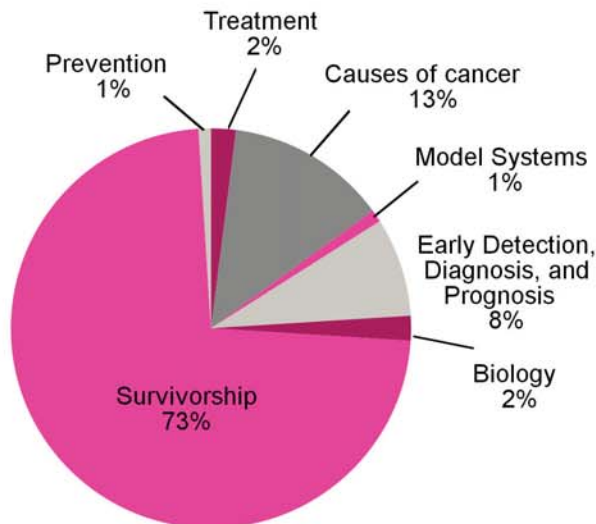
Determine the role of lifestyle, social and environmental factors on disparate risk, incidence and survival outcomes



Develop culturally diverse communication and education methods to improve screening rates, adherence to treatment and quality of life



Identify genetic and biological differences that contribute to racial and other disparities in breast cancer



**167**  
**Clinical Trials**  
focused on breast cancer disparities



**60**  
**graduate students**

supported, who are pursuing a research career focused on breast cancer disparities

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<http://sgk.mn/1kVREB9>



## Tissue Collection



TISSUE BANK AT THE  
IU SIMON CANCER CENTER

Support for tissue collection efforts, such as those in Orange County, CA, are helping to increase the diversity of collected tissue to help to understand biological differences in disparities.

## Conference Support



Support for annual conferences focused on breast cancer disparities research and cancer care.

## Healthcare Guidelines



Support for published healthcare guidelines such as the C=Change report on "The Societal and Economic Impact of Cancer Health Disparities"

## Komen's Public Policy Efforts



Advocating for legislation requiring health plans to provide low-cost, affordable coverage for oral anti-cancer medications, ensuring patient access to needed anti-cancer drugs



Working with patient advocacy and public health organizations to expand Medicaid eligibility for low-income women as part of the Affordable Care Act



Expanding access to treatment through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP) with success in 6 states: Arizona, Indiana, Oregon, South Carolina, Colorado and Texas

### I WANT TO TAKE ACTION!

Join our advocacy efforts and stay "in the know" about our current legislative and advocacy actions by following the QR code or <http://bit.ly/1c1xOU8>



Helped secure nearly  
**\$300 million**

in annual funding for National Breast Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program serving

**4.2 million**

low-income and uninsured women since the program's inception