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**KOMEN LOWCOUNTRY AWARDS $114,353 TO COMMUNITY NON-PROFITS FOR BREAST CANCER SERVICES**

**[Charleston, SC. – April 10, 2017]** Susan G. Komen Lowcountry has awarded two grants totaling $114,353 to community non-profits providing breast cancer services. Allendale County Hospital has been awarded $45,755 and Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services has been awarded $68,598. The grant funds from Komen are vital to providing screening, diagnostic and treatment support services for medically underserved patients.

At Allendale County Hospital, the grant from Komen Lowcountry will support “Pink Prevention”, an initiative to provide breast health services and education to uninsured and under-insured women. The program will provide screening and diagnostic services to residents of Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Hampton counties.

At Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, the funding will support “Reach Out to Care”, an initiative to reduce barriers to breast health care. The barriers addressed by the program include transportation, cost for screening and diagnostic services, and breast health education for uninsured or underinsured residents of Beaufort, Jasper and Hampton counties.

Paula Wall, Patient Services Coordinator at Allendale County Hospital says, “Funding from Komen Lowcountry is a great help to our community. Without it, many of our patients wouldn’t be able to afford the services they need.”

Komen Lowcountry is dedicated to ending breast cancer in our community. The local affiliate funds innovative breast health programs that provide vitally needed services including breast cancer screening, medical supplies, financial assistance (including emergency living expenses and insurance co-pays), as well as patient and family support.

“We get calls every day from people who are scared and looking for help,” said Lucy Spears, Director of Mission Programs. “These grants will support those with the fewest resources- uninsured, under-insured and low-income women and men in medically underserved communities. They can get the care they need without having to worry about how they’ll pay for it.”

**About Susan G. Komen and Komen Lowcountry**

Susan G. Komen is the world’s largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. Komen has set a Bold Goal to reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths by 50 percent in the U.S. by 2026. Komen was founded in 1982 by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy’s life. Lowcountry is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the local community. Through events like the Komen **Lowcountry**Race for the Cure®, Komen **South Carolina affiliates** have invested more than $13 million in community breast health programs in South Carolina and have helped contribute to the more than $920 million invested globally in research**.**For more information, call **(843) 556-8011** or visit komenlowcountry.org.