

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
& Planned Parenthood:
The Visible Link

A report on Susan G. Komen grants to Planned Parenthood

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“It cannot be said that all women who have breast cancer have had abortions. Similarly, not all women who have had abortions will get breast cancer. Nevertheless, abortion is the most preventable risk factor for breast cancer.” - Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer

The following is a report on the Susan G. Komen *Race for the Cure* Affiliate grants to Planned Parenthood Health Clinics and other abortion/family planning clinics. These grants are listed state by state, and affiliate by affiliate. The enclosed information on the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Affiliates was attained directly from the affiliates’ websites, personal correspondence with Susan G. Komen staff and representatives, press releases and news articles. Many were confirmed through the corresponding Planned Parenthood Annual Reports. All sources are cited in the report and printed copies are available upon request.

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To whom it may concern,

It is with sadness we report numerous Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Affiliates have given grants to Planned Parenthood and various family planning/abortion clinics. We happened across this information while checking donors to the local Planned Parenthood, and were disappointed to find that the Susan G. Komen Indianapolis Affiliate is one among many affiliates across the nation giving funds to Planned Parenthood.

These findings are especially disappointing because Susan G. Komen funds so many worthwhile breast cancer programs, yet they also fund abortion groups, which could be causing breast cancer. We encourage investigation into each Planned Parenthood Health Center's use of the Susan G. Komen funds, as the Executive Director of the Susan G. Komen Indianapolis Affiliate informed us that the local Planned Parenthood failed to follow through with their proposed program.

In learning this information, our **greatest disappointment** is that the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation website lists abortion **first** under "factors **not** related to breast cancer." Consequently, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation gives women only part of the scientific research on breast cancer, and ignores numerous studies that have yielded evidence linking abortion to breast cancer. One such study published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* in 1994, was led by Dr. Janet Daling, who describes herself as "pro-choice," and her colleagues at the Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. (see Appendix II)

Please share this information with as many people as possible and encourage them to contact the Susan G. Komen Foundation to express concern about the use of funds and information. With the cooperation of people such as you, the Susan G. Komen Foundation may be convinced to refocus **all** funds on research to find causes and cures for breast cancer.

Our intent is for the Susan G. Komen Foundation to realize that the abortion/breast cancer issue is not closed. There is great danger in supporting the largest abortion provider in the world when, in fact, scientific evidence has shown a link between breast cancer and abortion.

Above all, we hope for an end to abortions and a cure for breast cancer.

Sincerely,

Right to Life of Indianapolis

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Susan G. Komen Foundation Fact Sheet

- In the United States, there are about 115 Susan G. Komen Affiliates. Of these, at least 112 sponsor a *Race for the Cure* to raise money for breast cancer awareness and research. To date, at least 43 of these Susan G. Komen Affiliates have given grants Planned Parenthood Centers or other abortion clinics, totaling more than 100 grants given across the nation Planned Parenthood and other abortion clinics since 1998.
- Of the 50 states in the U.S., at least 22 states have Komen affiliates which grant money Planned Parenthood or other abortion clinics. Alaska, Rhode Island and North Dakota have no Susan G. Komen affiliates, leaving only 25 states with Susan G. Komen affiliates who have no public records of grants Planned Parenthood.
- Representatives of six affiliates who did not give grants to Planned Parenthood reported the reasons as there being no local Planned Parenthood, Planned Parenthood did not apply for a grant or they did not have a *Race for the Cure*.
- Susan G. Komen affiliates have repeatedly given money to family planning clinics which provide “emergency contraception,” otherwise known as the morning-after pill. “Emergency contraception” may not prevent conception in some cases, but instead cause an abortion.
- The Susan G. Komen Foundation refuses to acknowledge any possible link between abortion and breast cancer, going so far as to list abortion first under “**Factors not related to breast cancer**” on their website.
- Since the Susan G. Komen Foundation began giving grants Planned Parenthood, purportedly for breast health services, **the number of women receiving breast health services from Planned Parenthood has decreased**. According Planned Parenthood’s 2003-2004 Annual Report, **abortions increased** by 14,000 in 2002-2003, while breast exams decreased by more than 141,000. (see pg. 9)
- Some Susan G. Komen Affiliates give Planned Parenthood multiple grants in one year. The Quad Cities, Iowa Affiliate gave 4 grants to the local Planned Parenthood in 2000-2001.

- Some Planned Parenthood Health Centers are receiving grants from multiple Susan G. Komen Affiliates. For example, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains has received grants from the Aspen, Denver, North Colorado, Las Vegas and Wyoming Susan G. Komen Affiliates. In 2004 alone, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains received two grants from the Susan G. Komen Denver Affiliate, one from the Aspen Affiliate and one from the North Colorado Affiliate.

Komen Board Members & Staff

- **Nancy Brinker**, founder of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, has served on the advisory board of Planned Parenthood of Dallas. In 2003, Planned Parenthood received a record \$475,000 from Susan G. Komen affiliates all across the nation, and Planned Parenthood of Dallas built a new facility costing \$5 million dollars. Nancy Brinker received the Gertrude Shelburne Humanitarian Award from Planned Parenthood of North Texas in 1996. Gertrude Shelburne established Planned Parenthood in Dallas in 1982, and was a friend of Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood.
- **Eve Sanchez-Silver**, former Susan G. Komen Foundation National Hispanic/Latina Advisory Council member, resigned after discovering the connection between the Komen Foundation and Planned Parenthood.
- **Linda Custard**, current member of the Susan G. Komen Foundation National Board of Directors, is pictured and listed in the Planned Parenthood of North Texas newsletter as a donor.
- **Monica Leonard** of the Sacramento Valley Susan G. Komen Affiliate had a prior job at Planned Parenthood Golden Gate and Komen lists this on their Sacramento Affiliate website.
- Philadelphia Komen Affiliate Board Member **John Briggs** has also served on the advisory board for Planned Parenthood.

In support of each other...

- Planned Parenthood of North Texas gave an award to the co-chair of the Fort Worth *Race for the Cure*.
- Planned Parenthood of North Texas thanked the Susan G. Komen Foundation Collin and Tarrant County Affiliates in their newsletter for granting Planned Parenthood of North Texas \$46,430 in 2004.
- Planned Parenthood of Southeast Michigan formed a team for the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for Cure.
- Susan G. Komen Colorado Springs Affiliate hosted a health fair where they included “health partners” Planned Parenthood.
- Susan G. Komen lists the local Planned Parenthood Health Centers as a resource on most of their affiliate websites and vice versa.
- Susan G. Komen and Planned Parenthood are both involved in the Texas Medical Center Women’s Health Network.
- Planned Parenthood of Southeast Michigan participated in the Susan G. Komen Lee National Denim Day in 2001.
- Planned Parenthood of Lubbock is listed as a sponsor of the Lubbock *Race for the Cure* in 1998 & 1999.