

February 8, 2012

To Our 3-Day Family,

The events of the last week have been extremely challenging and upsetting for many of you, and us. More importantly, the controversy has overshadowed the important work that you have done to help further Susan G. Komen's mission to eradicate breast cancer. And for that, we sincerely apologize.

The 3-Day program has raised more than \$600 million since its inception in 2003 and I wanted to reach out to you personally to thank you for your commitment. Without the funds you have raised, Susan G. Komen would not be able to do the amazing work we have done over the past 9 years. Thank you.

On Friday of last week, we said we are ready to move forward with the work that remains to be done. We are committed to doing just that. But we have also heard that you and your donors need to better understand our position in order to move forward and continue your work:

- We never de-funded Planned Parenthood (their grants would have continued until the end of the grant cycle).
- Our grant funds would have stayed in our communities – Komen would not have left poor, uninsured or medically underserved women without services.
- In communities where there was no other service provider, we were continuing to fund Planned Parenthood clinics to deliver services.
- Planned Parenthood clinics are invited to submit grant proposals for community funding, just as they were before. Community grants are reviewed and approved by local Komen Affiliates.

Seventy-five percent of net funds raised by the 3-Day program are spent on life-saving breast cancer research and twenty-five percent funds local community breast health service and education programs. In 2011, thanks to the money raised by people like you, Susan G. Komen granted \$66 million to fund breast cancer research, and provided an additional \$93 million to more than 2000 local organizations for education, screening and treatment services for low resource women. No organization today provides more support from screening to diagnosis to treatment to survivorship care than Susan G. Komen.

We remain committed to ensuring that ALL women, regardless of race, social status, political or religious beliefs, have equal access to breast health services, and Komen's granting decisions continue to be based on the needs of the communities we serve. We sincerely appreciate your past support and very much hope that we can continue to count on you in our ongoing fight against breast cancer.

Yours truly,



Liz Thompson  
President