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## Ohio's Breast and Cervical Cancer Project

### Breast Cancer in Ohio

- In 2016, 9,390 Ohio women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and nearly 1,700 will die of the disease.
- Ohio is 34<sup>th</sup> in the nation in incidence of breast cancer but *ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in overall deaths from the disease*. This means women in Ohio are more likely to die from breast cancer than almost anywhere else in the country.
- Early detection is a key to survival. When breast cancer is detected early, before it spreads beyond the breast, the five-year survival rate is 98 percent. Once the cancer spreads to other parts of the body, survival rates plummet to 23 percent.
- Early detection saves Ohio money. When breast cancer is detected at later stages, treatment is up to *3 times more expensive* than when it is detected early.

### Ohio's Breast and Cervical Cancer Project (BCCP)

- Ohio's Breast and Cervical Cancer Project (BCCP) provides breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services to women in Ohio aged 40-64 who do not qualify for Medicaid, between 100 percent and 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.
- If a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer through the program, she is eligible for treatment of her cancer through BCCP Medicaid, which she may not have been eligible for based on her income and/or age.
- While the Affordable Care Act has made insurance coverage more accessible to low-income individuals, it is estimated that 21,064 Ohio women ages 50-64 will continue to lack access to breast cancer screenings.
- The BCCP is a critical and lifesaving safety-net for the working poor in our state. In Ohio, these are the same women who make too much to be Medicaid eligible and too little to qualify for stipends on the state insurance exchange.
- BCCP provided screenings to 15,000 Ohio women last year and diagnosed more than 200 cancers.
- From 2008-2012, the most recent data available, the program detected 649 breast cancers and 603 cervical cancers.

### About the Ohio Affiliates of Susan G. Komen®

Susan G. Komen® is the world's largest network of breast cancer survivors and activists. Komen has four Affiliates that serve Ohio – Komen Columbus, Komen Cincinnati, Komen Northeast Ohio and Komen Northwest Ohio.

Komen has invested more than \$2 billion in the fight against cancer since its founding in 1982. In Ohio, Komen Affiliates have funded more than \$42.5 million to community health programs that provides screenings, education, financial aid and social and emotional support to women and families throughout the state, including more than \$570,000 in grants to the Ohio Breast and Cervical Cancer Project. In addition, Komen has invested more than \$9 million in research funding to Ohio institutions.

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