



HOUSTON HOSPICE
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Houston Hospice Receives Grant from Komen® Houston

Houston, June 30, 2016—Susan G. Komen® Houston has awarded nonprofit Houston Hospice a \$40,645 grant. Houston Hospice estimates that within their service area which includes Houston and ten surrounding counties, they will provide 148 days of compassionate hospice care services to unfunded breast cancer patients during the grant period. These funds have been donated by thousands of individuals who have given to Komen® Houston.

Susan G. Komen® is the world's largest breast cancer organization, and Komen® Houston is one of over a hundred Affiliates on the front lines dedicated to ending breast cancer in their communities. Funded organizations are carefully selected for their patient and family support to those in the community.

“At Komen® Houston, we aim to meet the most critical needs in the communities we serve through our local funded partners and invest in breakthrough research to find cures,” said Adriana M. Higgins, Ed.D., Executive Director of Komen® Houston. “We are confident that Houston Hospice will impact the greatest identified needs in the community.”

The grant will provide Houston Hospice with a dedicated source of funds for low income breast cancer patients. Throughout the grant period, Houston Hospice will collaborate with Harris Health and others serving low-income patients to link terminally ill breast cancer patients and their families with quality end-of-life care. This project aligns with Susan G. Komen® Houston's identified priorities in that it links end-of-life care to the breast cancer continuum of care model. By raising awareness of its programs among local service providers, Houston Hospice helps fill the gap in affordable end-of-life care options for local uninsured and underinsured women.

Patients and their families will be served by a care team comprised of specially-trained health care professionals. Hospice staff physicians and nurses will work with patients and families to determine and implement the best plan of medical care, and hospice aides will assist with personal care for patients. The grant will also help provide equipment, medication and other items that are not covered by insurance, but are necessary to help patients live in comfort and enjoy the fullest life possible.

Houston Hospice will also address the emotional and spiritual needs of breast cancer patients and family members. Non-denominational chaplains will provide spiritual support and counselors will provide bereavement services including support groups and one-on-one counseling.

Prior experiences and success in serving non-funded patients come from Houston Hospice's ongoing Charity Care Program, through which they provide care to approximately 100 non-funded patients annually. Houston Hospice CEO, Jim Faucett said, “The goal of our Charity Care Program is to ensure that even those without the ability to pay have the opportunity to choose hospice as an end-of-life care option. Everyone deserves to die with dignity and to receive hospice resources that reduce suffering, and help patients achieve their goals for making memories and finding meaning as they move towards a peaceful life closure.”

About Houston Hospice:

Nonprofit Houston Hospice was founded in 1980 and has grown from an alternative, grass roots concept to a leader in hospice care for people of all ages and walks of life. For more information about Houston Hospice, visit www.houstonhospice.org or call 713-468-2441 or 800-824-2911.

About Susan G. Komen® Houston:

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. Since its founding in 1982, Komen has funded more than \$800 million in research and provided more than \$1.7 billion in funding to screening, education, treatment and psychosocial support programs serving millions of people in more than 30 countries worldwide. Komen was founded by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy's life. Visit komen.org or call 1-877 GO KOMEN. Connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/susangkomen and Twitter [@SusanGKomen](https://twitter.com/SusanGKomen).

Established in 1990 by passionate volunteers to support the individuals in need throughout the Houston area, Komen® Houston has granted over \$50 million to local programs for breast cancer education and awareness campaigns, lifesaving screening and treatment programs, and innovative cutting edge research. Serving Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty and Montgomery counties, Komen Houston continues its commitment to fundraising and grant making so that families battling breast cancer can get the treatment and support they need.

If you would like to learn about volunteer opportunities or get information about Komen Houston, visit www.komen-houston.org or call 713-783-9188.

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