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KOMEN COLUMBUS HOSTS FIRST- EVER VOLUNTEER FAIR

*Current and potential volunteers encouraged to come to event at Fawcett Center,
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(Columbus) – The Columbus Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation will showcase its many volunteer opportunities at its first-ever volunteer training event on Saturday, Jan. 14 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fawcett Center.

“We need more than 1500 volunteers each year to continue hosting the Komen Columbus Race for the Cure and other Komen Columbus activities throughout the year,” said Katie Carter, executive director of Komen Columbus. “What better way to start out the New Year than to volunteer your time to the Komen Foundation mission of eradicating breast cancer as a life threatening disease.”

The Volunteer Fair is geared toward current and potential Komen Columbus volunteers. The program will include an overview of Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Komen Columbus and the volunteer opportunities available and a breakout session with chair people of the various committees, including the Race, Special Events, Grants, Education, Development, Public Policy and Volunteer committees. Komen Columbus is a volunteer driven organization that is directed by a 15-member volunteer board. Its volunteers are held in the highest regard, because their crucial work and passion are what makes the work possible.

The Komen Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died from breast cancer at the age of 36. Thanks to more than 75,000 volunteers dedicated to the fight against breast cancer, the Komen Foundation, with its affiliate network, is the world’s largest private funder of community-based breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs. Together with its Affiliate Network, corporate partners and generous donors, the Komen Foundation has raised nearly \$600 million for the fight against breast cancer.

The Komen Columbus Race for the Cure has raised more than \$7 million since it began in 1993 – 75 percent of that money stays in its 23-county service area and is used to conduct breast cancer education, screening and treatment programs. The other 25 percent goes to the Komen Foundation to fund national breast cancer research. More than 30,000 people are expected to participate in the **2006 Komen Columbus Race for the Cure that will be held on Saturday, May 20 in downtown Columbus.** For more information, please visit www.komencolumbus.org or call the Komen Columbus office at (614) 297-8155.

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