

# VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Susan G. Komen Boise Race for the Cure®

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# WELCOME TO THE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION FOR THE SUSAN G. KOMEN BOISE RACE FOR THE CURE®

This presentation was prepared to help you understand the  
Susan G. Komen for the Cure  
organization and what we represent.

## The Vision of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure

*“A World Without Breast Cancer”*

# OUR PROMISE

## *Curing Breast Cancer – at Every Stage*

At Susan G. Komen for the Cure, we know that ending breast cancer is about more than curing a medical condition – it's about overcoming the cultural, social and financial conditions that prevent women from receiving life-saving breast health care and treatment.

At Komen for the Cure, our promise is our mission – ending breast cancer forever by . . .

**Empowering people** to take charge of their health care through awareness and early detection and, if diagnosed, to survive.

**Ensuring quality of care for all**, regardless of race, ethnic background, language, income or insurance status.

**Energizing science** to find the causes and cures of breast cancer – and, ultimately, to prevent breast cancer in the first place.

# CORE VALUES

- Inclusion** to embrace the uniqueness of every individual
- Stewardship** to be accountable for our performance, individually and collectively
- Honesty** to foster a community of trust and integrity
- Openness** to seek out new ideas and new ways of thinking
- Passion** to demonstrate personal commitment to our Promise
- Empowerment** to entrust others and hold yourself accountable

## **ABOUT SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE**

**Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement.**

**Today, Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures.**

**Thanks to events like the Komen Race for the Cure, we have invested nearly \$1 billion to fulfill our promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world. For more information about Susan G. Komen for the Cure, breast health or breast cancer, visit [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org) or call 1-800 I'M AWARE.**

Boise Affiliate



## **ABOUT THE BOISE AFFILIATE**

**The Susan G. Komen for the Cure Boise Affiliate is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, operating with the assistance of hundreds of volunteers, a full-time Executive Director and two part-time staff members.**

**In 11 years, we have granted over \$3.4 million dollars that stays in our local service area and is dedicated to breast cancer awareness, education, screening, support and treatment in Idaho.**

**The first Komen Boise Race for the Cure®, was held in 1999. With over 6,500 participants, it was the largest ever participation level for a Komen first year race. Over 16,000 people participated in the 2010 Komen Boise Race for the Cure® - the largest in our race history.**

**For the last 11 years, the Boise Affiliate, continues to fulfill our promise, to do all that we can by *Serving People and Saving Lives*.**

## **ABOUT THE RACE**

**The Komen Race for the Cure Series, is the world's largest and most successful education and fundraising event for breast cancer.**

**Up to 75% of funds raised stay in our local service area to be granted to local programs to help underserved women. The remaining 25% goes to national scientific research grants.**

**With your help, last year we were able to grant out \$425,000 dollars towards research, education, screening and treatment.**

**These programs reach uninsured and underinsured women in our 19 County Service Areas.**

# **VOLUTEERS OUR SURVIVORS AND ACTIVISTS**

**As a volunteer for the Boise Affiliate  
of the  
Susan G. Komen for the Cure,  
you are our representative,  
our connection to the community.**

**WHEN THE PUBLIC SEES YOU, THEY SEE KOMEN!**

# Volunteer Guidelines

**As a Komen representative, people will be coming to you with any and all of their questions, and we want you to be as prepared and as comfortable as possible. We feel the following guidelines will help prepare you as a Komen volunteer.**

- 1. Our name is Susan G. Komen for the Cure. During RACE we are also known as Susan G. Komen Boise Race for the Cure.**
- 2. When working with the public, as a representative of Komen, we ask that you maintain a positive attitude.**
- 3. Refer all questions you are unsure of to the office staff.**
- 4. If you sign up for an assignment and are unable to fulfill your commitment, please notify the office as soon as possible.**

# Volunteer Guidelines

5. **Never give medical advice.**
6. **If you encounter a medical emergency, of any type, please call 911 and then notify the staff.**
7. **Never place yourself in a dangerous situation. If a questionable situation occurs, notify the staff or the appropriate authorities.**
8. **BE PROUD! Take pride in the fact that you are the energy that keeps us moving forward, helping save lives and ending breast cancer forever.**
9. **MOST IMPORTANTLY! HAVE FUN!**

# Thank You for Completing the Volunteer Orientation

The presentation was prepared to give an overview of the organization and general expectations of our volunteers. Specific instructions will be given to each volunteer relating to their volunteer assignment.

**You, the volunteers are the heart and soul of this organization.**

**We try to accommodate everyone to the best of our ability.**

**Email us at [volunteer@komenboise.org](mailto:volunteer@komenboise.org) to let us know you have completed this orientation.**

**Please provide us with your name and share your thoughts regarding this presentation.**

**If you have any questions, call the office at**

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**or send an e-mail to**

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