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FOOD OUTREACH RECEIVES \$86,636 GRANT FROM THE KOMEN ST. LOUIS AFFILIATE TO PROVIDE NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT TO LOW-INCOME BREAST CANCER PATIENTS

ST. LOUIS – May 19, 2011 – Food Outreach is very pleased to announce that it has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$86,636 from The St. Louis Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. The funding will support Food Outreach’s *Nutritional Support for Low-Income Breast Cancer Patients* program, an initiative that will provide 36,720 nutritious meals in a combination of freshly prepared frozen meals and groceries over a 12-month period. Each client will also receive tailored nutrition counseling and monitoring by Registered Dietitians to help them maintain their strength, cope with side effects, and optimize their treatments.

“Since the start of our cancer program in 2005, breast cancer patients have constituted the largest percentage of our cancer clients,” stated Food Outreach Executive Director Greg Lukeman. “In addition to coping with the rigors of aggressive medical treatment, our breast cancer clients are struggling financially and do not have the resources to purchase the nutritious food that is essential to their health. We are extremely grateful to the Komen St. Louis Affiliate for their continued financial support so we can meet this critical need.”

Susan G. Komen for the Cure® is the world’s largest breast cancer organization, and the St. Louis Affiliate is one of 125 Affiliates on the front lines dedicated to ending breast cancer in their communities. Komen Affiliates fund innovative programs that help women and men overcome the cultural, social, educational and financial barriers to breast cancer screening and treatment.

“Breast cancer doesn’t know obstacles, hard economic times or boundaries,” said Helen Chesnut, Executive Director of the Komen St. Louis Affiliate. “At the Komen St. Louis Affiliate, we remain steadfast in our commitment to fund innovative and inspiring breast health community programs so we can ultimately fulfill the Susan G. Komen for the Cure promise-to end breast cancer forever.”

About Food Outreach

Food Outreach, established in 1988, continues to be the only nonprofit organization in the greater St. Louis area that focuses on providing nutritional support to low-income men, women and children battling cancer or HIV/AIDS. Located in midtown St. Louis, we provide the equivalent of up to two nutritious meals per day in a combination of freshly prepared frozen meals and groceries, nutrition counseling and education, congregate meals, cooking classes, and meal home delivery. In 2011, Food Outreach is on pace to provide 500,000+ meals to clients residing in 137 Missouri and Illinois zipcodes. For information call 314-652-3663 or visit www.foodoutreach.org.

About Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and the Komen St. Louis Affiliate

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever, and in 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The St. Louis Affiliate is part of the world’s largest and most progressive grassroots network fighting breast cancer. Through events like the Susan G. Komen St. Louis Race for the Cure®, the St. Louis Affiliate has invested more than \$16 million in community breast cancer programs in 17 counties. Up to 75 percent of net proceeds generated by the Affiliate stays in the St. Louis area to fund screening, treatment, education and support programs. The remaining 25 percent funds national breast cancer research. For more information, call 315-569-3900 or visit www.komenstlouis.org.