

# Konnect to Komen

*A monthly e-newsletter for Komen OC Volunteers!*



## SPOTLIGHT: Grantee Breakfast

This past December Komen OC awarded more than \$1.3 million in grants to 13 local nonprofit organizations at the annual Community Grants Award Breakfast. The event was attended by more than 200 people.

Clariant CEO Ron Andrews, a long-time donor and Komen advocate, was the special guest speaker and he shared the story of his own promise to his grandmother, who lost her battle with breast cancer ten years ago. The community organizations will use the grants to specifically implement breast health programs and initiatives promoting early detection of breast cancer. These nonprofit groups serve a diversity of key populations and provide access to care throughout Orange County in an effort to save women's lives.

"The grant recipients we partner with are instrumental in helping us overcome language and cultural barriers to address the breast health needs of women in Orange County," said Lisa Wolter, Executive Director of the Komen Orange County Affiliate. "We are so pleased to distribute grants to these organizations that will work with us to provide lifesaving mammograms and bring breast health education and support services to underserved groups in the community."

The 2011 community grants recipients and their breast health programs are:

- AltaMed Health Services Corporation** / Breast Cancer Early Detection and Care Program
- Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center** / Strengthening the Ties: A Multi-dimensional Approach to Raising Breast Health Awareness among Chinese American Women
- Breast Cancer Solutions** / Medical Financial Aid; Temporary Financial Aid Program
- Hurt Family Health Clinic** / Breast Cancer Early Detection and Screening Program
- Laguna Beach Community Clinic** / Breast Care Advocacy
- Latino Health Access** / Salud de Seno Breast Health Program
- Nhan Hoa Comprehensive Health Clinic** / Breast Care for Low-Income and Uninsured Young People
- Planned Parenthood Orange and San Bernardino Counties** / Breast Health Program
- Share Our Selves (SOS)** / SOS Women's Initiative
- The G.R.E.E.N. Foundation** / Be Self Empowered (BSE)
- Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation** / Breast Health Navigation and Education Program
- YWCA of North Orange County** / Early Breast Cancer Screening and Education
- University of California, Irvine** / Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

*Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped with set up, registration, greeting guests & grantees and clean-up!*



Clariant CEO, Ron Andrews



Leslie & Jerry Whitfield



Dr. Lisa Guerra & Eunice Eileen Frère (seated)



It was a packed house at the Bowers

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### We Want to Share the Love and Info for Volunteers in February

Volunteers are at the heart of Komen Orange County. It's a new year so we want to meet, educate and renew our volunteers as we start fresh. Please come to the Komen OC office on Tuesday, February 8 to learn about Komen events and volunteer needs for the year at the New and Returning Volunteer Orientation. Bring or meet someone new, put Komen on your calendar, get a hug and refreshments. If you think you would like to speak in the community about breast health and Komen, please join us for the Speakers Bureau Training on Thursday, February 10. We want to share our passion and we hope to see many of you at these two events.

**Passionately Pink Rummage Sale** raises \$941 for research! We hosted our own **Passionately Pink for the Cure** rummage sale to increase local awareness about this year round National cause-related program and to fundraise. All of the net proceeds from **Passionately Pink for the Cure** go directly to fighting breast cancer.



Wishing you all good health & happiness in the coming year.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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SAVE THESE DATES!

- New & Returning Volunteer Orientation** ~ February 8th, 5:30-7:30 **Komen Office**
- Speakers Bureau Training** ~ February 10th, 5:30-7:30
- Pink Tie Ball** May 14, 2011 **Angel's Stadium**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Race for the Cure**® September 25, 2011

Check our website for other upcoming volunteer opportunities!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing all of our special Komen OC volunteers whose birthdays are in *January*, all the best as you celebrate your special day!

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