

NEWS ADVISORY:

## Susan G. Komen for the Cure Announces New Advisory Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Persons

*Thought Leaders from Across Nation Help Komen Address Disparities in Breast Care and Breast Cancer*

**DALLAS - July 10, 2007** - Susan G. Komen for the Cure has announced members of its new Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Persons National Advisory council, or LGBT.

Along with the newly formed Young Women's (YW) National Advisory Council, LGBT joins four other Komen national advisory groups developed to help the organization address gaps in breast health and breast cancer research, education, treatment and screening pertaining to specific population groups.

### **New LGBT Advisory Council members**

*The new members of Komen's LGBT National Advisory Council are:*

- o **Mary Anne Adams**, MSW, Senior Research Associate/Project Manager, Emory University School of Medicine, Decatur, Georgia
- o **Kathleen DeBold**, BS, Interim Executive Director, ServiceMembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), Washington, D.C.
- o **Philip Deitch**, MA, Financial Advisor, Ameriprise, St. Louis, Missouri
- o **Darlene DeManincor**, PhD, Professor, JFK University, Oakland, California
- o **Ann Fonfa**, Founder and President, Annie Appleseed Project, Delroy Beach, Florida
- o **Michelle "Mo" Malkin**, JD, Executive Director, Verbena, Seattle, Washington
- o **Rosalba Messina**, President of Messina Consulting Group, New York, New York
- o **Anita Radix**, MD, MPH, Associate Medical Director, Callen Lorde Community Health Center, Brooklyn, New York
- o **Nurit Shein**, MA, Executive Director, Mazzone Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### **Komen for the Cure Advisory Councils**

The other national advisory councils include the African American National Advisory Council (AANAC), the National Hispanic Latina Advisory Council (NHLAC), the Asian American Pacific Islander National Advisory Council (AAPINAC) and the American Indian and Alaskan Native National Advisory Council (AIANNAC).

### **Advisory councils help design strategies to decrease disparities**

Advisory council members are selected on the basis of written nominations. Advisory council members actively engage in helping Komen to plan strategies designed to decrease disparities in breast cancer mortality rates in specific population groups. Members serve on a voluntary basis for a period of three years.

"The combined experience and expertise of our priority-population council members enable Komen to wisely allocate resources to meet breast health and breast cancer needs in population groups that are chronically underserved," said Susan Carter, Komen's senior advisor, office of the president, and facilitator for the organization's advisory councils.

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