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### **Susan G. Komen Greater Iowa Appoints New Executive Director**

February 25, 2020 — Des Moines — Susan G. Komen Greater Iowa (SGI) announced today that Sherry Fuller has joined the organization and will serve as Executive Director. Fuller will oversee operational management and fundraising for the statewide nonprofit organization.

“We are exceptionally pleased that Sherry has joined Komen Greater Iowa and accepted this important leadership role to advance our efforts to find a cure for breast cancer,” said Darcy Johnson, SGI Board President. “Sherry has extensive experience in nonprofit work including fundraising and event management. Her passion and commitment to our mission, coupled with her experience, will position us effectively for the future, expand our programs, and introduce innovative approaches to deepening our impact throughout our 106-county service area.”

Fuller’s nonprofit leadership experience includes serving as Director of Development at Simpson College, Vice President of Development at Special Olympics Iowa, and, most recently, Director of Recruitment at LifeServe Blood Center. Fuller said her previous positions have prepared her for her new role at Komen – and she looks forward to serving an organization with such an important mission.

“I’m honored and excited to join the Susan G. Komen family,” Fuller said. “Breast cancer affects the lives of so many Iowans and the work Komen does provides them with important services – as well as funding research that will lead to a cure.”

Susan G. Komen’s mission is to save lives by meeting the most critical needs in our communities and to invest in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer. Komen’s organization-wide, big bold goal is to reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths by 50% by 2026. To accomplish this goal, Komen and its Affiliates will focus on investments in research for new early detection methods and treatments for aggressive and metastatic breast cancer and address disparities in access and timely utilization of quality breast cancer care. Seventy-five percent (75%) of funds raised through Komen Greater Iowa are used within its service area to provide breast health and cancer services through grant funding programs to hospitals, clinics and public health agencies. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds raised are invested in Komen’s national research program.

### **About Susan G. Komen®**

Susan G. Komen is the world's largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit outside of the federal government while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. Since its founding in 1982, Komen has funded more than \$920 million in research and provided more than \$2 billion in funding to screening, education, treatment and psychosocial support programs serving millions of people in more than 30 countries worldwide. Komen was founded by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy's life. Visit [komen.org](http://komen.org) or call 1-877 GO KOMEN for more information.

### **About Komen Greater Iowa:**

Komen Greater Iowa uses 75 percent of funds raised within its service area to provide breast health and cancer services through grant funding programs to hospitals, clinics and public health agencies. The remaining 25 percent of funds raised are invested in Komen's national research program. Since 1993, Komen Greater Iowa has invested over \$13 Million into the local community. This past year alone, vital services have been provided to women and men, including 2,684 screenings, 295 woman receiving patient navigation, 166 diagnostic services and education to 10,310 people. Komen Greater Iowa has also invested over \$5 million in national breast cancer research.

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