



## 2019-2020 KOMEN GREATER IOWA GRANT RECIPIENTS

### Central Iowa

#### **Healthy Women Program: Breast Health Assistance Initiative: \$51,675**

*Polk County Health Department, Des Moines IA*

The Healthy Women Program's Breast Health Assistance Initiative addresses barriers to breast cancer screening, diagnostic and treatment services for low-income uninsured/underinsured women/men by providing individualized education and support including but not limited to patient navigation, financial assistance, and coordinated support services. Patient navigation (in English/Spanish) and financial assistance make breast cancer screening, diagnostics and cancer care accessible for women who would otherwise delay or forego breast health services due to financial hardship and lack of insurance. Project goals include advocacy, encouragement, early detection, continuity/timeliness of screening, diagnostic and cancer care, and health equity. For more information call (515)286-2018 or visit [www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health).

### Eastern Iowa and Illinois

#### **The Voucher Program: \$74,999.51**

*Genesis Health System, Davenport IA*

The Voucher Program, administered by Genesis Health System, has a long history (since 2001) of providing patient care, breast cancer education, and patient navigation within Komen's targeted geographic areas and has demonstrated the ability to increase early detection of breast cancers, while decreasing late-stage diagnosis, through no-cost screenings and diagnostic exams, targeting education and resources to at-risk populations, and coordination of patient care in a timely and efficient manner. Our community has come to greatly appreciate & depend on this program as barriers to patient care continue to increase-financial limitation being the greatest hurdle-when it comes to providing services to the uninsured and underinsured in our area. More information about this and other financial assistance programs can be found online at [www.genesishealth.com](http://www.genesishealth.com).