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SUSAN G. KOMEN® NORTH CAROLINA TRIANGLE TO THE COAST HOSTS NATIONAL AND LOCAL BREAST CANCER RESEARCHERS AT FINDING SOLUTIONS THROUGH SCIENCE, SCHOLARS AND SURVIVORS LUNCHEON

RALEIGH, NC – November 20, 2015 – Susan G. Komen® North Carolina Triangle to the Coast (NCTC) will host the *Finding Solutions Through Science, Scholars and Survivors* luncheon, 12:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 16 at the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The luncheon will highlight the impact of local and national Susan G. Komen funded breast cancer research.

“We are taking this opportunity to showcase the important life-saving research that is taking place right here in the Triangle,” said Pam Kohl, Komen NCTC Executive Director. “We are proud of our local Komen Scholars and researchers and their work for continued progress against breast cancer through research.”

Local Komen Scholars Dr. Lisa A. Carey, UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Dr. Neil Spector, Duke Cancer Institute, will discuss how their work is bringing us closer to finding the cures. Dr. Eric P. Winer, Chief Scientific Advisor and co-chair of Komen’s Scientific Advisory Board, will deliver the keynote address.

“My commitment to breast cancer is entirely a result of the challenges I see as a clinician. I see the short comings of our current clinical practice and recognize that breast cancer continues to lead to tremendous suffering and premature death. As a researcher, I hope to find better approaches to treatment that will reduce the death and suffering we see on a daily basis and improve our patients’ quality of life,” said Eric Winer, MD.

Dr. Winer is a committed clinician, educator and investigator. His research focuses on the development of new treatments, reducing toxicity of existing treatments, and improving quality of life for individuals with breast cancer. He and his group at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute have conducted numerous clinical trials, spanning the spectrum of breast cancer. In addition, he has collaborated extensively with laboratory and population science researchers, both in Boston and around the world.

In September, Susan G. Komen awarded more than \$3.8 million in research funding to 11 programs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University. These grants bring Komen’s total research investment in North Carolina to nearly \$35 million since 1982.

Individual luncheon tickets are available for \$50 and can be purchased [online](#). For more information visit komeennctc.org.

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Susan G. Komen is the world's largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. 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. Komen NCTC is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the local community. Through events like the Komen Triangle Race for the Cure®, the Komen Wilmington Race for the Cure® and the Finding Solutions Through Science, Scholars and Survivors Luncheon, Komen **NCTC** has invested \$14 million in community breast health programs in 29 counties in central and eastern North Carolina and has helped contribute to the more than \$800 million invested globally in research. For more information, call **919-493-2873** or visit komentnctc.org. Connect with us on social media at komentnctc.org/get-involved/social-media