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## **SUSAN G. KOMEN® NORTH CAROLINA TRIANGLE TO THE COAST IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE A NEW LOCATION FOR THE 2016 SUSAN G. KOMEN TRIANGLE RACE FOR THE CURE®**

### **The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Komen Triangle Race for the Cure® relocates to Research Triangle Park**

**Research Triangle Park-** Susan G. Komen® North Carolina Triangle to the Coast (Komen NCTC) is proud to announce a new location for the Susan G. Komen Triangle Race for the Cure®. Due to construction on Hillsborough Street, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Komen Triangle Race for the Cure, presented locally by Duke Cancer Institute, will take place June 11, 2016 in at The Frontier in Research Triangle Park.

“We are excited to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in RTP,” said Pam Kohl, Komen NCTC Executive Director. “RTP is the home of dreamers, believers, planners and creators, a community that inspires bold new ideas. We will tap into this inspiration as we move closer to our promise to save lives and end breast cancer forever.”

“By partnering with the Komen Race for the Cure®, we are supporting an organization that helps fund innovative breast cancer research right here in our community,” says Bob Geolas, President and CEO of the Research Triangle Foundation of NC. “We are proud to welcome the race to Research Triangle Park for its 20th anniversary, and look forward to many more years of success.”

“For a 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Duke Cancer Institute is partnering with Komen Race For The Cure® to serve as local presenting sponsor,” said Michael Kastan, MD, PhD, Executive Director of Duke Cancer Institute. “The longtime relationship unites the organizations’ shared passion to end breast cancer by ensuring science continues to move forward toward a cure.”

The Komen Triangle Race for the Cure® raises awareness and funds for the fight against breast cancer. “Our goal is to raise \$1.1 million to support local programs and national cutting-edge research,” said Kohl.

Seventy five percent of the net funds at raised stay in our local communities to support education, screening, treatment and support programs for women and families in central and eastern North Carolina. The remaining 25 percent supports Susan G. Komen’s national research program.

This year’s Race theme is Hope Rising - Taking the Next Steps to find the Cures. The new race site will feature an out and back course, live music and a few other surprises. Plus, a new Team Tailgate Zone will offer an area for teams to meet before the race and provide space for after-race fun including an expanded food truck rodeo.

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will feature an inspiring Survivor Celebration, where we’ll honor those who have battled breast cancer and remember those who have lost their lives to this disease.

Triangle area university leaders are serving as Honorary Race Chairs - Richard Brodhead, President of Duke University, Carol Folt, Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Randy Woodson, Chancellor of North Carolina State University and Debra Saunders-White, Chancellor of North Carolina Central University.

The Komen Triangle Race for the Cure<sup>®</sup>, presented locally by Duke Cancer Institute, will take place Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Frontier, 800 Park Offices Drive, in Research Triangle Park. For more information or to register, visit [komeennctc.org](http://komeennctc.org).

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#### [About Susan G. Komen<sup>®</sup> North Carolina Triangle to Coast](#)

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<sup>®</sup>, the Komen Wilmington Race for the Cure<sup>®</sup> 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. In 2015, Susan G. Komen awarded \$3.8 million in national grants to researchers at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Since 1982, Komen has awarded 135 grants to local researchers totaling more than \$35 million. For more information, call **919-493-2873** or visit [komeennctc.org](http://komeennctc.org). Connect with us on social media at [komeennctc.org/get-involved/social-media](http://komeennctc.org/get-involved/social-media).