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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Announces
**Broward County Libraries Division, a Komen for the Cure
2008-09 Grant Recipient**

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – The board of directors of the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale Susan G. Komen for the Cure Affiliate has voted to award the Broward County Libraries Division a \$14,000 grant to fund a breast cancer project from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. The grant money will be used to update the Broward County Libraries collection of breast cancer and breast health resources. Additionally, approximately 100 books relating to breast cancer will be distributed to the community via library outreach programs.

Broward County Libraries is one of 20 local organizations that will be presented with a Komen Affiliate grant at the Grant Award Ceremony Luncheon that is scheduled for April 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the University of Miami Hurricane 100 Room. As Komen Affiliate's Executive Director Bobbi Meyers recently said, "There are many organizations in our local community that focus on finding a cure for breast cancer and educating the public to increase awareness and prevention. Each year our goal is to provide these organizations with the funding they need to meet their goals and contribute to our vision: a world without breast cancer."

In the fiscal year ending March 2007, through local events that included the annual Race for the Cure, the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure raised more than \$1.5 million to support the fight against breast cancer. Adhering to Komen financial guidelines, \$911,000 of that money will stay in our local community --

funding breast cancer screenings and providing grants for educational and awareness initiatives. The guidelines formula that Susan G. Komen for the Cure has in place for net monies raised from local events by Komen Affiliates is: 75 percent of the funds should be used in the local community and 25 percent of the funds should be pooled with Komen's national efforts to fund research programs.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure, in its 25 years of existence, has extended its reach beyond national to international. As Founder Nancy G. Brinker states on the Komen Web site in the Message From Our Founder: "What began as a promise to my dying sister, Susan G. Komen, has evolved into the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. I am in awe of our victories over the last two decades." She states further, "We are so close to creating a world without breast cancer. The science is there. Now is the time for us to see this fight through so that no one ever has to fear breast cancer again."

The Broward County Libraries Division's breast cancer project that was submitted for a Komen grant evaluation was titled Breast Health/Cancer Education Through Community Relationships & Partnerships. The \$14,000 grant that was voted to be awarded to the library will enable Broward County Library to provide educational and awareness resources that support the fight against breast cancer and will help fulfill the mission of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The award-winning Broward County Libraries Division, founded in 1974, provides essential quality-of-life community service as well as outstanding customer service throughout Broward County. The Library consists of 37 branches that provide three million items and more than 2,000 computers for public use, and after-school literacy, youth, and teen programs. Its website, www.broward.org/library, includes free online reference and information databases in addition to access about library services, locations, and events that customers access on average 300,000 times a month. The Broward County Library is the ninth-largest library system in the United States, serving more than nine million walk-in customers annually.

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