



2015 Research Luncheon Attendees-(L), Komen Scholars and Advocates-(R)



OUR MISSION: Save lives by meeting the most critical needs in our communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer.

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The Komen Charlotte Research Luncheon is an opportunity to educate the community on the latest advancements and in breast cancer research. While there have been important breakthroughs, there is still much work to be done. Learn how Susan G. Komen's promise to end breast cancer forever is unfolding through cutting-edge research. This event occurs every 2-3 years and invites Komen scholars who are at the forefront of finding the cures for breast cancer, to share their discoveries. A significant portion of the research takes place in the Carolinas.

■ **Breast Cancer Statistics Related to Research** (komencharlotte.org/about-breast-cancer/)

- 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.
- In 2017, it's estimated that among U.S. women there will be 252,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 40,610 breast cancer deaths. **American Cancer Society. Cancer Facts and Figures 2017. Atlanta, GA: American Cancer Society, 2017*
- Between 1989-2014, breast cancer mortality (death) declined by 38 percent among women in the U.S., avoiding about 300,000 deaths

■ **Local Funding. Local Impact.**

Because of the generosity of donors and supporters on the local level, funding toward lifesaving research helps in the following areas: biology, prevention, treatment and survivorship. In 2014, Komen Charlotte was fortunate to be able to invest more than \$440,000 solely toward breast cancer research. Through its 2015-2016 local community grants, Komen Charlotte invested more than \$1.1 million in education, diagnosis, treatment support programs provided by 17 local organizations that serve uninsured or underinsured residents in our service area. Since its inception in 1997, Komen Charlotte has contributed nearly \$5.3 million to research and more than \$14 million in local community programs.

■ **Who is Conducting Research?** There is support on all levels toward breast cancer researchers from established investigators and leaders in the field to young scientists and clinicians who will serve as the next generation of leaders. And our research dollars help support not only scientific research and clinical trials, but also research partnerships and collaborations, scientific conferences and research education. To learn more about research, how research is making a difference, and more visit komen.org.

■ **Komen Scholars**

This is an international advisory group which helps to guide Komen's research and scientific programs, education and advocacy work, and public health efforts in the U.S. and abroad. There are 60 Komen Scholars and 5 of those scholars conduct their research in North Carolina. Learn more about Komen Scholars at komen.org