SUSAN G. KOMEN

Our mission is to save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering others, ensuring quality care for all and investing in science to find cures.
Dear Roundtable Attendees,

As local and national leaders in the fight against breast cancer, I am honored you have joined us at our first African-American Breast Cancer Disparities Roundtable. We each share a commitment to improving access to quality health care and saving lives of women through research and in our communities, by investing in programs that ensure everyone has the knowledge and the resources to battle breast cancer regardless of their economic circumstances.

Susan G. Komen for many years has been dedicated to overcoming disparities in breast cancer treatment and outcomes, especially in women of color. As you know, in the United States, African-American women are more than 40 percent likely to die of breast cancer than Caucasian women, even though they are less likely to be diagnosed with the disease. This mortality is significantly higher in certain U.S. cities, due to a combination of biological, socioeconomic and cultural factors.

One thing is clear: the breast cancer mortality rate in the African-American community constitutes a health crisis that cannot be ignored. Together, as a group of survivors, advocates, community leaders, clinicians, scientists and policymakers we will identify opportunities to eliminate African-American breast cancer disparities in the United States.

Today’s Roundtable aims to:

• Engage in conversations with breast cancer and community experts to help establish priorities;

• Gather information on successful breast cancer disparity reduction programs and best practices in the National Capital Area and around the country;

• Develop a network of advocates and experts to work with Komen on how to best meet the needs of the African-American community; and

• Explore how Komen can effectively develop partnerships to improve racial and ethnic health outcomes to help save lives.

In the coming months, we will continue to convene national and local leaders, through a series of Roundtables in communities across the United States to collectively discuss barriers, opportunities, needs, priorities, and, above all, solutions to improve African-American breast cancer outcomes. As our momentum grows, we will provide ongoing ways to engage, continue our conversation and translate what we have learned into impactful initiatives. I invite you to follow us @SusanGKomen and share your experience with #SGKRoundtable and to stay connected with our work at www.komen.org.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Salerno, M.D., M.S.
President and CEO
Susan G. Komen
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Breast cancer knows no boundaries – be it age, gender, socio-economic status or geographic location.
LUCILE ADAMS-CAMPBELL, PH.D.
Dr. Adams-Campbell is the Associate Director for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research, Associate Dean for Community Health & Outreach, and Professor of Oncology at Lombard Comprehensive Cancer Center at Georgetown University Medical Center. She received a B.S. in Biology and a M.S. in Biomedical Science from Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Adams-Campbell received her Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh, becoming the first African-American female to receive a Ph.D. in epidemiology in the country. Dr. Adams-Campbell has received numerous awards including the election to the Institute of Medicine in October 2008, and the Induction into the D.C. Hall of Fame Health Disparities. She also is a graduate of the Executive Leadership Institute. She has also recently been appointed to serve as a 3-year member of the Institute of Medicine’s National Cancer Policy Forum (NCPF). Her areas of research focus on addressing health disparities with particular emphasis on cancers that disproportionately impact African-Americans, primarily breast cancer. Dr. Adams-Campbell’s research expands to the areas of clinical trials, cancer epidemiology and etiology, and lifestyle-interventions. Dr. Adams-Campbell has more than 185 publications.

ALEXIS D. BAKOS, P.H.D., M.P.H., R.N.
Alexis D. Bakos, PhD. MPH, RN, is the Senior Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health in the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). As the Senior Advisor, she provides advice on programmatic, legislative, research and public affairs matters aimed at improving the health of minority populations and eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care.

Dr. Bakos formerly served as Deputy Director and then Acting Director of the Division of Nursing (DN) within the Bureau of Health Professions at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): where she managed the overall operations of the DN and coordinated activities between the two branches and the Office of the Director.

Prior to her appointment at HRSA, Dr. Bakos served as Chief of the Diversity Training Branch with the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities at the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health (NIH). She coordinated the management of programs designed to improve the diversity of the cancer research workforce through training, career development, cancer education and community outreach.

Dr. Bakos also served as a Program Director at the National Institute of Nursing Research, NIH, where her responsibilities included scientific areas related to end of life/palliative care and informal caregiving and long-term care. She also chaired the NIH-wide End of Life Scientific Interest Group.

Dr. Bakos received a BSN and an MSN from The Catholic University of America School of Nursing, an MPH with a concentration in Epidemiology from George Washington University, and a PhD in Nursing from Johns Hopkins University. Her education also included three years of postdoctoral training as a Cancer Prevention Fellow within the Division of Cancer Prevention at the National Cancer Institute. She also served on the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Aging as a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Fellow.

Dr. Bakos is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society.

KIMBERLY BEER, M.A.
Kimberly Beer serves as Director, Public Policy for Susan G. Komen. As Director, Beer assists in advancing Komen’s legislative and advocacy agenda on Capitol Hill and with federal agencies, focusing on increasing awareness about breast cancer, increasing federal funding for research and ensuring access to care for those who have breast cancer. Prior to joining Susan G. Komen, she was Director, Advocacy at the Arthritis Foundation and Assistant Director of Federal Affairs at the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA). She also worked as Senior Legislative Assistant for Governor Pedro Rossello, of Puerto Rico, and as Legislative Assistant for Congressman Luis G. Fortuño (PR).

Beer received a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Spanish from the Catholic University of America, a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Argossy University’s Professional School of Psychology and completed two post-graduate Certificate Programs at the Johns Hopkins University in Clinical Community Counseling and Counseling At Risk Youth. She is a Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC) in the state of Maryland.

REA BLAKEY
Rea Blakey serves in the Office of Professional Affairs and Stakeholder Engagement (PASE) at the FDA’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). PASE’s mission is providing a focal point for advocacy at the Center for Drugs while enhancing two-way communication and collaboration with internal and external stakeholders concerning drug development, drug review, and drug safety.

Blakey is also an Emmy award-winning journalist. She was a member of the Washington-based news media for 15 years. She came to Washington as a News Anchor/Reporter for WUSA-Channel 7. Years later she served as the DC-based Medical Correspondent at CNN where she provided extensive editorial coverage of the day’s national and international medical headlines.

After leaving “the news” Blakey ran her own successful media training and communications company, advising Fortune 500 company leaders, various government agencies, and top medical experts. Later she served as National TV Host on more than 50 Discovery Channel “Continuing Medical Education” shows. She went on to become Director of Communications at the George Washington Medical Faculty Associates before joining the FDA in July 2014.

Blakey is also honored to have been tapped to serve as moderator for both annual “Rodham Institute Summits” where Hillary Rodham Clinton addressed DC-community health advocates and organizations with ties to the GW University-based Institute.
KAREN BOYKIN-TOWNS, M.B.A.

Karen Boykin-Towns currently serves as Vice President of Business Unit Public Affairs in the Corporate Affairs Division of Pfizer Inc. She is responsible for leading a team that partners with Global Innovative Pharma, Global Established Pharma, Vaccines and Oncology to advance business priorities by designing and implementing public affairs strategies to improve the policy environment and support access to medicines globally.

Boykin-Towns’ career at Pfizer spans 18 years where she has advanced into executive management roles. She was recruited as a Senior Legislative Analyst working in Corporate Affairs and has held roles leading Government Relations/Public Affairs in New York, New Jersey and Delaware, diversity and inclusion as the company’s first-ever Chief Diversity Officer, and head of Worldwide Policy.

Prior to joining Pfizer, Boykin-Towns spent nine years in New York State government where she served as Deputy Director to the Senate Minority (Democrats) and before that served as Chief of Staff to State Senator David Paterson, who later became the state’s 55th Governor. She holds an MBA degree from Baruch College of the City University of New York (CUNY), as well as a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business from the College of Mount Saint Vincent where she graduated cum laude. She is active on several boards.

A mother of two girls Jasmine and Trinity, Boykin-Towns is married to former State Assemblyman Darryl C. Towns, who was appointed in 2011 by Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve as Commissioner/CEO of Homes and Community Renewal for New York State.

KAREN BROOKS, M.S.

Karen Brooks has 22 years of clinical research experience. She is currently a Sr. Director/TA Lead for Oncology and Rinat Clinical Operations in Pfizer’s Development Operations Group. She also co-chairs the Pfizer Initiative of Increasing Clinical Trial Diversity. Her prior roles included the Director of Clinical Projects at sanofi-aventis where she was responsible for ensuring overall implementation and study conduct of clinical trials in North America across all therapeutic areas. Brooks also initiated diversity in clinical trials at sanofi working with the project management and regional team. Her extensive years of experience have afforded her the opportunity to work with many investigators, study teams, and sponsor companies with the initiative to improve the inclusion of minorities and women in clinical trials.

Brooks holds a B.S. in Biology from East Carolina University, a Masters in Health Administration from Central Michigan University, and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in International HealthCare Researcher from Trident University.

FALASHA CULPEPPER

Falasha Culpepper is a native Washingtonian. After graduating from the University of Hawaii with a degree in Public Health, Ms. Culpepper returned home to make an impact in her community. As Program Manager at Capital Area Health Education Center Inc (CAHEC) Culpepper co-founded the Susan G. Komen-funded DC Pink Divas program in 2011. Culpepper became one of the city’s youngest Patient Navigators after demonstrating her ability to empower youth and women in their community.

Culpepper has received post-graduate training from The George Washington University Cancer Institute Center for the Advancement of Cancer Survivorship. Navigation and Policy in patient survivorship, patient navigation implementation and evaluation, and from The John Hopkins University in Cultural Competency Training. She manages the City-Wide Cancer Patient Navigation Network-Wiki Resource Database while coordinating the DC Pink Divas program and DC-based Health Board Exchange to support Affordable Care Act enrollment. She has coordinated grant-funded youth outreach projects from funders such as HRSA, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, the American Association of Medical Colleges and the DC Youth and Investment Trust Corporation; her work has been funded by Susan G. Komen, the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, and the DC Health Board Exchange.

Culpepper is a Certified In-Person Assister and experienced in working in the community. Falasha’s expertise in Public Health has made her a strong asset in initiatives for hard-to-reach populations. She has had success in reaching millennials and underserved communities through innovative public health outreach that has been adapted as national best practices.

JACQUELYN DUNMORE-GRIFFITH, M.D.

Dr. Dunmore-Griffith attended Duke University in North Carolina where she received her undergraduate degree. Board Certified in Radiation Oncology by the American Board of Radiology, Dr. Dunmore-Griffith received her medical degree at Howard University College of Medicine, and completed her internships and residency at Howard University Hospital. Dr. Dunmore-Griffith has extensive experience in Brachytherapy for breast, gynecologic and prostate cancers. She has participated in a number of research projects to improve the outcomes of radiation therapy in cancer patients. She recently served as a guest editor for “Breast Disease. A Year Book Quarterly.”

Dr. Dunmore-Griffith was in private practice for several years before returning to her alma mater in 2009 where she is Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Howard University College of Medicine. She serves as Director of Breast Cancer in the Department of Radiation Oncology. She is also affiliated with United Medical Center and Providence Hospital.
Teena François-Blue joined the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force (MCBCTF) in April 2013. She has extensive experience in breast cancer epidemiology, disparities research and evaluation of breast and cervical cancer prevention initiatives. As Associate Director of Community Health Initiatives and Research, François-Blue is charged with leading the Task Force’s efforts in developing collaborative sustainable evidenced-based initiatives that empower women with the tools to maintain their health and access quality breast health care.

Prior to joining the Task Force, François-Blue was an epidemiologist with the Sinai Urban Health Institute (SUHI) from 2005 to 2010. During that time, she conducted multilevel epidemiologic studies of racial and economic health disparities across Chicago. She was responsible for evaluating the Stand Against Cancer program. In 2007, François-Blue became a Breast Health Supervisor for the Helping Her Live Breast Cancer Prevention program. In this role, she developed outreach navigation strategies and tailored case management protocols to increase access to screening for African-American and Hispanic uninsured women. Lastly, she was a member of the coordinating committee that established the MCBCTF and published the Improving Quality and Reducing Disparities in Breast Cancer Mortality in Metropolitan Chicago Report.

In addition to her work in breast cancer epidemiology, François-Blue was an evaluator for the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. In this role, she provided technical assistance to grantees to improve state immunization programs. She also supported the Georgia Department of Public Health MCH program and the Early Intervention Institute and the Louisiana Department of Public Health in the development, implementation and evaluation of state initiatives for children and youth with special health care needs.

As a triple alumnus, Dr. Frederick’s dedication to Howard University spans more than two decades, beginning with his enrolling as a student. Born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, he was admitted to Howard University at the age of 16 with a dream of becoming a physician. His passion to serve and to heal was driven by the personal impact of sickle cell anemia, a hereditary disease he has lived with since birth. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree, a Doctor of Medicine, and completed his surgical residency training at Howard University Hospital. After fulfilling his post-doctoral research and surgical oncology fellowships at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Dr. Frederick began his academic career as Associate Director of the Cancer Center at University of Connecticut, where he also served on the Department of Surgery faculty.

As a distinguished researcher and surgeon, Dr. Frederick is the author of numerous peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, abstracts, and editorials. He has also received numerous awards honoring his outstanding scholarship and service. In June 2014, Congress recognized him for his contributions in addressing health disparities among African-Americans and historically underrepresented groups.
MICHELLE GASKIN-CRAIG, M.D.

After losing her sister at a very young age, Dr. Gaskin-Craig made it her mission to save the lives of girls in her D.C. community. She graduated from Howard University Medical School in 1982, and has devoted her life to serving women in her community as a family medicine physician. Diagnosed with breast cancer at 41, Dr. Gaskin-Craig tailored her mission to empower breast cancer patients. Her journey as a breast cancer patient reinforced the importance of patient-centered and culturally competent health care.

Today, after 27 years of practice, and 13 years as a Survivor, Dr. Gaskin-Craig continues to serve her community by volunteering to support women through cancer treatment and educate women in the Greater Washington D.C. Area. As a member of DC Pink Divas, a Susan G. Komen-funded community-based patient navigation and outreach program, she educates and empowers women in her community to improve health outcomes. She provides primary care to low-income patients in the Anacosta area of D.C., just blocks from where she and her sister grew up.

In 2013 Dr. Gaskin-Craig was nominated by DC Pink Divas and selected as the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure 2013 Survivor of the Year. She is dedicated to sharing her story to empower more women to take control of their health and save lives in their community.

REGINA M. HAMPTON, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Dr. Regina Hampton is a highly regarded practitioner in the surgical management of breast disease in women and men of all ages. She is a board certified general surgeon who has focused her practice on breast health and breast cancer. Utilizing minimally invasive biopsy and oncoplastic surgery techniques in her private practice, Signature Breast Care, she is in the forefront of diagnosis and treatment of breast disease. Dr. Hampton is the Medical Director of the Comprehensive Breast Care Center at Doctors Community Hospital, the first breast center in this county.

Dr. Hampton attended the Medical College of Pennsylvania (now Drexel University), in Philadelphia. She served as National President of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA), America’s largest organization focusing on the successful matriculation of minority medical students. She went on to complete a general surgery residency at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. Here, she had the opportunity to train under Dr. LaSalle Leffall, internationally known surgical oncologist and former Susan G. Komen Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Hampton is the current Treasurer of the Medical Staff at Doctors Community Hospital and previously served as Vice-Chair of Surgery. She is the Project Director for a Susan G. Komen $3 million four-year grant that provides screening and navigation for uninsured women in Prince Georges County.

In addition to her personal practice, Dr. Hampton has served in many community roles. She is the co-founder of Breast Care for Washington, a nonprofit dedicated to providing access to screening mammography regardless of the ability to pay. The facility opened in June 2014 and is the only 3D mammography facility east of the Anacosta in Ward 8, which has the highest mortality rate of breast cancer in Washington D.C.

THELMA D. JONES

Thelma D. Jones embodies the example of turning a challenge into an opportunity. Diagnosed in June 2007 as HER2+ with an unknown primary, Jones immediately became an advocate for breast cancer, promoting the message that early detection saves lives. A trained community breast care navigator with Smith Center for Healing and the Arts, Jones has directly impacted the lives of more than 2,000 women and men through outreach, education, and navigation services in a variety of venues. In addition, she is a 2013 DC Pink Diva, a Komen-funded project, where she received the Divas Education Award for her commitment to reaching out and helping to save the lives of dozens of women in the historically underserved communities.

Retired from the World Bank Group after 33 years as a community outreach director, she has a unique perspective and passion for working with a diverse group of people in a variety of settings. Recognizing a need to do further outreach and education, Jones established The Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund in 2012 on the occasion of her 60th Birthday. Today, she teaches breast health classes and remains a constant presence in the community she serves and where she has served an average of 1,500 hours yearly since retirement. Jones holds an AAS Degree and is a graduate of both Georgetown University with a Certificate in Executive Nonprofit Management and Leadership Greater Washington 2000.

Recognized for her selflessness in changing and saving lives as both a civic and cancer advocate, Jones is a White House Champion of Change and the 2011 Recipient of the Mayor’s Community Service Award in the Category of Lifetime Achievement. Recently, she was selected by the Thurgood Marshall Center Trust as a 2015 Phenomenal Woman.

MARC HURLBERT, PH.D.

Dr. Marc Hurlbert joined Avon Foundation in 2004 and currently serves as the Executive Director of Avon Foundation’s global programs to end breast cancer and violence against women. The Foundation funds programs to eliminate breast cancer and gender-based violence in 58 countries, with key markets including Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the United States. Under his co-leadership, the Foundation raises and awards $50 million to breast cancer research, care and prevention, and $5 million to international domestic violence programs annually.

Dr. Hurlbert’s recent research in 2014 has shed light on startling disparities in breast cancer survival between black and white women facing breast cancer, with black women more likely to die from breast cancer in 39 of the nation’s largest cities because they cannot access drugs and procedures available today. His work has also helped develop best practices in patient navigation and community programs to reach low-income, minority and/or low education level populations and educate them on breast health.

Dr. Hurlbert was elected by his peers in the industry to serve as the Chairman of the Board of the International Cancer Research Partnership (2013-2015) and the Health Research Alliance (2010-2011). He also serves as a board member for Sanctuary Island, helping wounded veterans and is Chairman of the Cancer Committee Advisory Board for the New York Presbyterian Hospital.
KIMBERLY LEARY, PH.D., M.P.A.
Kimberlyn Leary is an associate professor of psychology at the Harvard Medical School and chief psychologist at the Cambridge Health Alliance. She is also a faculty affiliate at the program on negotiation at Harvard Law School and an adjunct lecturer at New York University.
Dr. Leary began her career as a clinical practitioner focused on improving access to diverse communities. Her early work on “negotiated transactions” in psychotherapy expanded to broader research on negotiation and conflict management. Leary’s global work on conflict negotiations includes studying “critical moments” in mediations to end armed conflict in Southeast Asia and researching social enterprise ventures in the Middle East. She teaches courses on leadership and conflict transformation to undergraduates at Harvard College, on advanced negotiation and mediation to senior executives at Harvard Law School, and on physician-community engagement and the doctor-patient relationship at Harvard Medical School.
In her work as chief psychologist at the Cambridge Health Alliance, Dr. Leary directs the division of psychology and its training programs to deliver culturally sensitive care supporting the hospital’s primary care centers, specialty mental health, and acute emergency services. This work includes facilitating partnerships with community agencies, law enforcement, and school systems and assisting with the health system’s transformation to becoming an accountable care organization.
Dr. Leary received her B.A. from Amherst College, her M.P.A. from the Harvard Kennedy School, and her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan. She received additional postgraduate training as a psychoanalyst. For the past four years, she was the scientific program chair of the American Psychoanalytic Association.

STACY LEWIS, C.H.E.S.
Stacy Lewis is the Chief Program Officer and Deputy Chief Executive of the Young Survival Coalition. In this role she bolsters YSC’s ability to serve its constituents, bringing more than 12 years of experience creating, developing and running services and programs for those with special health care needs. Lewis has big goals for YSC and the organization’s ability to run rewarding programs while leading new initiatives—including programs that address the needs of young women from diverse backgrounds and those living with metastatic disease.
For five years, Lewis served as the deputy director and director of programs for SHARE: Self-Help for Women with Breast or Ovarian Cancer. Prior she served as the community executive and director of breast health for the American Cancer Society, Eastern Division. She graduated from William Paterson University and earned credentials as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) from the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

FREDA LEWIS-HALL, M.D., D.F.A.P.A.
As Chief Medical Officer of Pfizer, Freda Lewis-Hall leads a team of medical professionals responsible for ensuring the safe, effective and appropriate use of Pfizer’s medicines and vaccines. Trained as a psychiatrist, Dr. Lewis-Hall has held leadership positions in academia, medical research, front-line patient care, and at global biopharmaceutical companies including Vertex, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Eli Lilly. Prior to her work in industry, she led research projects for the National Institutes of Health and was vice-chairperson of the Department of Psychiatry at Howard University College of Medicine.
In 2010, Dr. Lewis-Hall was appointed by the Obama Administration to the Board of Governors for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), and in 2012 she was chosen to chair the Cures Acceleration Network Review Board and serve on the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences Advisory Council of the National Institutes of Health. She also sits on the boards of Harvard Medical School and Save the Children.
Dr. Lewis-Hall was named one of Savoy’s Top Influential Women in Corporate America in 2012 and as the Healthcare Business women’s Association 2011 “Woman of the Year.” A passionate advocate for empowering patients through health information, she speaks frequently in venues from TEDMED to the Essence Music Festival and appears regularly on daytime television shows including The Doctors and Dr. Phil.

MADELINE LONG-GILL
Madeline Long-Gill started her career in direct services working as an Employability Skills Training Instructor with the DC Department of Human Services. A trailblazer, she was part of the first jobs opportunity and business skills program in the country designed to help persons on public assistance secure unsubsidized employment.
Recognizing a need to end violence against women and children and improve family services, Long-Gill established and served as the founder of the Forest Park Center for Family Resources, a crisis intervention center located on the campus of St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. She is a former Board Member of the St. Louis Family Violence Council, a former Corporate Advisory Board Member of NAFEO (representing 106 Historical Black Colleges and Universities) and spent 12 years as a volunteer for Komen St. Louis. She served for over six years as a volunteer Chaplain with the St. Louis Police Department assigned to the Homicide Division under the Homicide Ministers and Community Alliance Program, a program created to provide support for victim families.
Dealing with her own personal and family struggle, Long-Gill opened the doors of Supporting Our Sisters International, Inc. to support African-American and Hispanic/Latina sisters with a message of health, hope, healing and quality care. The organization is dedicated to improving knowledge and access across the continuum of cancer care, helping women adapt healthier lifestyles in order to help reduce the risk of breast cancer recurrence.
JENNIFER MERSCHDORF, M.B.A.

Jennifer Merschdorf is chief executive officer of the Young Survival Coalition. With over 15 years of experience in both the nonprofit and for-profit sectors, Jennifer brings a new voice to philanthropy. She excels at creating and implementing strategic growth plans, promoting an atmosphere of teamwork and ensuring proper organizational financial management. In merging her leadership skills, strong strategic planning, finance background and passion for nonprofit innovation, she embodies a new style of nonprofit leadership. Merschdorf strives to be a strong voice for all young women facing breast cancer, ensuring that they know they do not need to face this disease alone. As a breast cancer survivor herself, Jennifer understands the importance of ensuring all young women have access to YSC’s unique resources. Originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, Merschdorf began her career in the corporate world of marketing and sales. After several years, she transitioned her skills to the nonprofit community, driven by her desire to create social change. She began her nonprofit career with the national Sierra Club, where she became a Director of Operations & Finance, and later served as the Director of Development for New Yorkers for Parks. Most recently, she was the Director of Finance for Soliya, an innovative international nonprofit. Merschdorf holds an MBA from the University of San Francisco and a B.A. from Washington State University. She splits her time between New York and the Hudson Valley, where she is working to restore an historic home with her husband, Jeffrey Talley Gannon.

ANNE MARIE MURPHY, PH.D.

Dr. Murphy was named the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force in April 2010. She originally joined the Task Force in April 2009 as the Director of the Chicago Breast Cancer Quality Consortium, a project of the Task Force that is a collaborative of health care providers dedicated to eliminating racial health disparities in breast cancer in Metropolitan Chicago. The Consortium was established with seed funding from Susan G. Komen. Under her leadership, the Consortium became the nation’s first federally designated Patient Safety Organization exclusively dedicated to quality improvement in the area of breast care. In 2011, Dr. Murphy was nominated by Susan G. Komen and named a Champion in the fight against breast cancer by the White House. In 2013, Illinois became the first state in the nation to roll out a statewide breast cancer screening quality surveillance program embedded in the state’s Medicaid program run by the Consortium. The Task Force was honored in 2014 as the first recipient of the City of Chicago’s Healthy Chicago Award for their work in eliminating cancer health disparities. Prior to joining the Task Force, Dr. Murphy was the Illinois Governor’s Director of State Health Care Initiatives where she was responsible for the design of new health care initiatives in particular in the areas of women’s health, men’s health and patient safety and universal health care initiatives. Dr. Murphy has been instrumental in implementing all of the state’s major healthcare expansions over the time period 2003 to 2009 including the expansion of the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program to cover ALL uninsured women in the State. Dr. Murphy earned a Bachelors Degree in Natural Sciences (Honors) from Trinity College Dublin, Ireland and a Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

OLUFUNMILAYO OLOPADE, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dr. Olufunmilayo “Funmi” Olopade, M.D., F.A.C.P. currently serves as one of the Komen Scholars, an advisory group of 70 distinguished scholars and leaders in breast cancer research who participate in Komen’s scientific peer review process. As a widely respected leader in breast cancer research, Dr. Olopade’s work has helped scientists around the globe gain a greater understanding of breast cancer. A highly skilled hematology oncologist with proven expertise in cancer risk assessment, Dr. Olopade is an expert on individualized treatment for breast cancer as well as quality of life concerns for breast cancer patients. She currently serves as Director of the Center for Clinical Cancer Genetics and Professor of Medicine and Human Genetics at the University of Chicago.

CHRISTOFER NELSON

Christofer Nelson has diverse experience launching and directing first-of-their-kind initiatives, including the Georgetown University Energy Prize (GUEP). In his role as Program Director of the Georgetown University Program on Science in the Public Interest and a Georgetown University Environment Fellow, he is helping to connect students and faculty working across science and public policy. He has been involved with incentive competitions for years, working with organizations such as the X PRIZE Foundation, the Case Foundation and the Joyce Foundation, as well as the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the NASA Center of Excellence for Collaborative Innovation to help others better understand how to design and use competitions to drive innovation. He has designed, launched and managed programs for leaders in the public, private and nonprofit sectors, including top government officials at the White House, USDA, USDOT, HUD, and SBA.
VIVIAN W. PINN, M.D.

Vivian W. Pinn, M.D., was the founding and first full-time director of the Office of Research on Women’s Health at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and was associate director for research on women’s health (NIH), positions she held until her retirement in August 2011. Since her retirement, she has been named as a Senior Scientist Emerita at the NIH Fogarty International Center.

Dr. Pinn came to the NIH from Howard University College of Medicine, where she had been professor and chair of the Department of Pathology since 1982. Dr. Pinn had previously held appointments at Tufts University School of Medicine as Associate Professor of Pathology and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, and prior to that at Harvard Medical School. She has received numerous honors and recognition from academia, government, professional organizations and civic groups, including a Special Recognition Award for exceptional leadership over a 40-year career from The Association of American Medical Colleges.

Dr. Pinn is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and was elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in 1995. A graduate of Wellesley College, she earned her M.D. from the University of Virginia School of Medicine, the only woman or minority in her medical school class. She completed her post-graduate training in Pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Pinn has received 13 Honorary Degrees of Science, Law and Medicine, and the University of Virginia School of Medicine has named one of its four advisory medical student colleges in her name. She has served in leadership positions in many professional organizations including the National Medical Association for which she was the second woman President and is currently Chair of the NMA Past Presidents Council.

MATTHEW T. POWELL, PH.D.

Matthew T. Powell, Ph.D., has spent the last two and a half years at MedStar Washington Hospital Center building partnerships with community-based institutions to support and develop public health programming across the DC metro area. In conjunction with these efforts, he helped develop the MWHC Religious Traditions Outreach Initiative that works to empower and support Health Ministries throughout DC. For over a decade now, Dr. Powell has been building bridges between community institutions by directing community-based learning programs, developing interfaith programming, and leading community service programs in academia and in health care.

AMARI SOKOYA PEARSON-FIELDS, PH.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Pearson-Fields is the Division Chief for Cancer Programs Division within the Bureau of Cancer Chronic Disease at the Community Health Administration, DC DOH. At the Department of Health Dr. Pearson-Fields manages the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, the Cancer Management, Leadership and Coordination Program, and the District’s Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program – Project WISH. She also manages the District’s DC Goes Pink initiative and the Mammography Surveillance System.

She has more than 25 years of experience in public health including developing numerous behavioral change interventions addressing the needs of underserved women and the designing and managing of public health surveillance systems. She is the creator of a national women’s wellness program supporting healthy living and previously managed a national cultural competence training program for health care providers aimed at removing barriers to care for sexual minority women. Dr. Pearson-Fields also served as the principal investigator on numerous national and local research studies looking at barriers to accessing health care among minority women and served as co-investigator on studies of breast cancer survivorship and breast cancer genetic testing among African-American women.

In 2011, she obtained her doctoral degree in Public Health from Walden University.

MANDI PRATT-CHAPMAN, M.A.

Mandi Pratt-Chapman is Director of the George Washington University (GW) Cancer Institute, responsible for strategically planning and implementing health promotion programs across the cancer continuum through research, education, advocacy and translation of evidence to practice. She is also responsible for fiscal management and development for the institute. Her team provides technical assistance to comprehensive cancer control programs across the country and helps accelerate translation of patient-centered care practices through the Center for the Advancement of Cancer Survivorship, Navigation and Policy (caSNP). The GW Cancer Institute aims to contribute to a cancer-free world and a health care that is patient-centered, accessible and equitable.
BRANDI ROBINSON, M.P.H.

Brandi Robinson, MPH serves as a Program Manager in Oncology Research at MedStar Health Research Institute. In this role, Ms. Robinson manages health disparities studies for African-American patients at the Washington Cancer Institute, MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C. She was previously a Program & Policy Analyst I in the Nemours Office of Child Health Policy and Advocacy where she helped to support and implement the Children’s Outcomes Project. Robinson has more than eight years of experience in program management in a variety of public health issues. She was a program associate at Partnership for Prevention prior to this, working on advancing tobacco control programs and policies. From 2004-2010, Ms. Robinson was a research associate at the Center for Health and Health Care in Schools, a nonpartisan policy and program resource center at The George Washington University’s School of Public Health and Health Services aimed at strengthening the well-being of children and youth through effective health programs and health care services in schools.

Robinson obtained an undergraduate degree in Biology at the University of California, Los Angeles in 2003 and received her Masters of Public Health from The George Washington University in 2005.

JUDITH A. SALENO, M.D., M.S.

Judith A. Salerno, M.D., M.S., is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Susan G. Komen, responsible for the day-to-day operation of the organization and for setting and implementing Komen’s strategic vision. Dr. Salerno joined Komen in September of 2013. As President and CEO, Dr. Salerno leads Komen’s revenue and mission programs, including Komen’s breast cancer research program which to date is the largest breast cancer research program of any nonprofit. Dr. Salerno sets the direction of Komen’s health policy programs and works with Komen’s programming to the role. Before joining Komen, she was Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and before that, was Deputy Director of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) at the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Throughout her career, she has been a volunteer physician for the underserved and most vulnerable.

A board-certified physician in internal medicine, Dr. Salerno earned her M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School in 1985 and a Master of Science degree in Health Policy from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1976. She is the mother of three children and an avid baseball fan.

SHYREA A. THOMPSON

Shyrea Thompson brings more than 15 years of education advocacy and outreach experience on both Capitol Hill and in a variety of frontline roles serving both public and private universities in Massachusetts, New York, and the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area.

Joining the Capital City Area Health Education Center, Inc. (CC AHEC) in 2009 as Program Director, Thompson’s unique perspective and insight into public-private partnership development has expanded the AHEC Center office services throughout the District. In 2011, she transitioned to Executive Director at CC AHEC and continued her work in underserved communities in our nation’s capital. That same year, she co-founded the D.C. Pink Divas with a Susan G. Komen Community Grant to create an education, navigation and lay health worker training program that has since impacted more than 10,000 lives.

Thompson currently serves as a National Health Service Corps Ambassador as a Member of the National Area Health Education Center Organization’s (NAO) Committee on Diversity, and on the Centers for Disease Control-funded National Comprehensive Cancer Control Technical Assistance Advisory Board. She is active on a number of D.C. community advisory boards including the DC Health Benefit Exchange, a District of Columbia Tobacco Free Coalition committee member and Sisters-Informing Sisters, a Georgetown University Lombardi Institute breast cancer program for women of color. In addition, she is an advisor to various charter school, nonprofit and government relation groups.

Thompson earned her B.S. in Criminal Justice from The George Washington University (GW) in 2004, and returned to GW for her graduate studies in Nonprofit Management in 2009. Shyrea and her husband are proudly raising their five-year-old twins in the very community they serve.

KATHY TOSSAS-MILLIGAN, M.S., PH.D. (CANDIDATE)

Kathy Tossas-Milligan is the Associate Director of the Breast Cancer Quality Consortium at the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force. In this role, she leads statewide mammography quality initiatives, engaging breast cancer screening and treatment facilities in quality improvement via passive and active mammography quality data surveillance reporting and rapid cycle quality improvement interventions. Under her leadership, facility participation for the state has increased from 52 percent to 78 percent.

Tossas-Milligan has an extensive health care and science research background, including a nine-year career as a molecular diagnostic product development scientist and project manager at Abbott Laboratories. She also led the development and implementation of a statewide colorectal cancer screening initiative at the Illinois division of The American Cancer Society. Providing education and navigation of uninsured and underinsured individuals toward screening colonoscopies. During her tenure, the program expanded from one pilot site to nine large hospital partners, with 33 health educators and over 14 Federally Qualified and other Safety Net Health Centers, reached more than 9,000 individuals and allocated 1,100 free colonoscopies for uninsured and underinsured individuals in Illinois.

Tossas-Milligan holds a B.S. in Biology from The University of Puerto Rico, an M.S. in Microbiology from The University of Michigan and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Cancer Epidemiology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. School of Public Health. She believes in health care access as a birthright and therefore her main professional interest is the pursuit of equitable access to high quality cancer screenings, diagnosis and treatment, particularly within racial/ethnic minority communities. She has been featured in local radio and television, including on WGN, NBC, Univision and Telemundo, speaking on cancer health care advocacy.
AMBASSADOR BEATRICE WILKINSON WELTERS

Beatrice Wilkinson Welters served as the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago from May 2010 through November 2012. Trinidad and Tobago is a pillar of the United States’s Caribbean Basin Initiatives strategy to promote citizen safety and reduce illicit trafficking throughout the region, and Mrs. Welters’s primary mission was to ensure that her host country remained committed to these important objectives. During her term as Ambassador she also worked to promote cross-cultural understanding, inviting many prominent Americans to visit the islands.

Welters’ passion for helping young people from under-resourced and challenging environments is carried out through the AnBryce Scholars Program at the New York University School of Law. This program assists students of high merit who come from backgrounds of severe economic disadvantage and are the first in their families to attend graduate school, and provides full-tuition scholarships as well as summer employment, mentoring and other enrichment opportunities. In 2007, the AnBryce Scholars program was expanded to serve NYU undergraduates meeting the same criteria and, in 2012, the AnBryce Scholars Initiative was established at the University of Notre Dame.

Welters serves on the boards of several distinguished Washington, D.C. institutions. She earned her undergraduate degree from Manhattanville College and her graduate degree from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She has received Honorary Doctorates from her alma mater, Manhattanville, and from Livingston College in Salisbury, North Carolina.

Welters and her husband, Anthony, live in McLean, Virginia, and have two sons.

CHRISTINE Y. WILEY, PASTOR, PH.D.

The Reverend Dr. Christine Y. Wiley serves with her husband, Dr. Dennis W. Wiley, at the Covenant Baptist United Church of Christ in Washington, D.C. Covenant was the first black Baptist congregation in the Washington metropolitan area to call a husband and wife team to serve together as pastors sharing equal authority and responsibility. The call was extended on February 22, 2004 and became effective on April 18 of the same year. The Wileys, who have been married for 27 years, served together as pastor and assistant pastor for 19 of those years at Covenant.

Dr. Wiley is a Fellow of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and has been able to use her mental health background in various creative ministry initiatives and pastoral care modalities. As a pastor actively involved in the struggle for justice for all people in the Washington, D.C. community and beyond, regardless of race, class, gender, or sexual orientation, she serves as Vice-President of the Mayor’s Religious Affairs Committee, as a member of the Mayor’s HIV/AIDS Commission, and on the Board of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Wiley received the Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Counseling and Psychotherapy in 1994 from Garrett Evangelical Theo logical Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. She obtained the Master of Divinity and Bachelor of Science degrees from Howard University, and a Diploma in Nursing from the Freedman’s Hospital School of Nursing. Currently, she is pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Social Work from the Howard University School of Social Work.

In addition to her husband, the loves of her life include her children, Aiyana, Samira, and Joshua, and her grandchildren, Asante, Akaiya, Akina, and Addae.

CARLA D. WILLIAMS, PH.D.

Dr. Carla Williams received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Howard University. She is currently Associate Professor of Medicine at Howard University and Interim Director of the Howard University Cancer Center. Her research focuses on strategies for improving health-related behaviors. Her funded research has focused on alcohol and tobacco use and other cancer risk factors. Dr. Williams has also implemented community-based interventions focused on improving knowledge and utilization of cancer screening and early detection. Dr. Williams leads the community engagement efforts for the Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical and Translational Science. She also co-leads community engagement for the Georgetown University-based Center of Excellence for Health Disparities in the Nation’s Capital. Both of these federally funded centers have the goal of increasing diversity among researchers and research participants; reducing health disparities; and improving health locally and nationally.
LORI WILSON

Dr. Lori Lynn Wilson is an accomplished oncology researcher and surgeon, who currently directs the General Surgery Residency Program at the Howard University College of Medicine. She was appointed in 2011, after a distinguished career as an academic surgical oncologist. Prior to returning to Howard University, Dr. Wilson was a professor and director of the Breast and Cutaneous Oncology programs at the University of Connecticut Health Center. She has conducted translational cancer research as a result of grants totaling nearly $1 million. In addition, she is the recipient of numerous honors for stellar performance throughout her career. Dr. Wilson has served on the board of directors for the Northeast Region of the American Cancer Society as well as the boards of directors of other cancer-related organizations. Throughout her career, she has published many peer-reviewed articles and has been featured in numerous trade and general publications.

Dr. Wilson is Division Chief of Surgical Oncology at Howard University Hospital and works closely with a multidisciplinary team of endocrinologists, medical and radiation oncologists, radiologists and pathologists to provide treatments individually tailored to each patient. She is working to increase the number of HUH patients that participate in research with expectations that every patient will consider this a part of receiving high-quality care.

Dr. Wilson earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology and Doctor of Medicine degrees from Georgetown University. In addition to her residency at Howard University Hospital, she also was a noted surgical oncology fellow at the John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica, California.

BREAST CANCER DISPARITIES RECEPTION
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

J. NADINE GRACIA, M.D., M.S.C.E.,
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MINORITY HEALTH

Dr. J. Nadine Gracia is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and the Director of the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Office of Minority Health is dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities.

A pediatrician with epidemiology training, Dr. Gracia has served in academic medicine and government. From 2010 to 2011, she was the Chief Medical Officer for the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH). She provided programmatic and policy leadership and coordination of a portfolio that included child and adolescent health, climate change, disaster preparedness, environmental health, global health, Haiti recovery and the White House Council on Women and Girls. Most recently, she led the development of HHS’s 2012 environmental justice strategy, which addresses the disproportionate exposure of minority and low-income communities and Indian tribes to environmental hazards and promotes healthy community environments.

In 2008-2009, Dr. Gracia was one of fourteen White House Fellows and was assigned to HHS, where she worked in OASH and the Office of the Secretary. During the last two months of the fellowship, she was a policy advisor in the Office of the First Lady, assisting in the development of the childhood obesity initiative.

Previously, Dr. Gracia was a clinical instructor and general pediatrics research fellow at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, conducting research on community risk factors for violence. She received a Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology from the University of Pennsylvania and a medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Gracia completed her pediatrics residency and served as Chief Pediatrics Resident at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. She is board-certified in pediatrics and is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Gracia is an advocate for minority and vulnerable populations and lectures nationwide on health disparities and children’s health. She is a National President Emeritus of the Student National Medical Association and a past Postgraduate Physician Trustee of the National Medical Association. A first-generation Haitian-American, Dr. Gracia earned a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in French at Stanford University.
KOMEN’S COMMITMENT

Susan G. Komen services the National Capital Region (NCR) which includes Washington and Virginia. Compared to the national average, the NCR as a whole has slightly higher incidence and mortality rates. While the NCR is moving in a positive direction in reducing late-stage breast cancer diagnoses, the late-stage incidence rate is still higher than the national average.

Talking about breast cancer statistics for the NCR area as a whole, however, doesn’t tell the entire story. Some communities have greater needs than others. While mortality due to breast cancer is decreasing, the D.C. Wards of 2, 5, 7 and 8 still have significantly higher rates of mortality due to breast cancer than the national average. Currently, Alexandria, VA has a breast cancer mortality rate which is similar to the national average and that of the NCR. Alexandria’s mortality rate due to breast cancer is rising faster, while other areas of the NCR or the nation are decreasing.

KOMEN’S INVESTMENT

Since its inception in 1990, funds raised from the Susan G. Komen Washington, D.C. Race for the Cure® and other events have provided more than $35 million for over 300 community grants to support local programs in the National Capital Region that are dedicated to reaching low-income, minority and uninsured women in areas where breast cancer rates are highest.

NCR grants are awarded to non-profit organizations to provide breast health services, treatment assistance and patient support services to low-income, minority and under- or uninsured women.

KOMEN’S LOCAL IMPACT

KOMEN SUPPORTS BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

Susan G. Komen® has sustained a strong commitment to supporting research that will identify and deliver cures for breast cancer.

To date, more than $30 million has gone to over 120 research grants to researchers in the National Capital Region, including Georgetown University, The Institute of Medicine, Howard University and George Washington University, among others.

Komen-funded researchers in the National Capital Region are:

- Identifying biomarkers that will help determine which women are at higher risk for developing breast cancer.
- Determining how environmental chemicals contribute to increased breast cancer risk, particularly in women with a BRCA gene mutation.
- Investigating the biological and environmental factors that contribute to disparities in breast cancer outcomes in African-American women, including genetic differences, diet, exercise and obesity.
- Developing new targeted therapies for triple negative breast cancer in African-American women.

Komen National Capital Region includes: the District of Columbia; Montgomery County, MD; Prince George’s County, MD; Alexandria City, VA; Fairfax County, VA; Fairfax City, VA; Falls Church City, VA; Loudoun County, VA; Prince William County, VA; and Manassas Park City, VA.

Data was obtained from the National Capital Region of Susan G. Komen Quantitative Data Report (2005-2019). Data includes years 2006-2010 except for Virginia and counties and the Affiliate as a whole which are 2005-2009. Data for the NCR region overall for incidence rates, incidence trends, mortality trends, late stage diagnoses and late stage trends was obtained from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) - Cancer in North America (CINA) Deluxe Analytic File. Data for mortality rates for the NCR regional overall was obtained from the CDC National Center for Health Statistics (NHDS) mortality data in SEER*Stat. For the District of Columbia, data for incidence rates and mortality rates was provided by the District of Columbia Department of Health, program funded by the NPCR-CDC.

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