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**Thanks, Metro Detroit!
20th Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure the Best Ever!**

They came from far and near, some 40,000-plus Warriors in Pink this past Saturday, May 21, at Comerica Park, for the 20th Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Our community came together for the biggest Komen Detroit Race yet, passionately honoring, celebrating and supporting those who have been touched by breast cancer. What a celebration it was!

“We saw so many people of all ages and backgrounds –survivors and co-survivors, advocates, volunteers, policy-makers, business and community leaders, sponsors, and the media. They all came together to help end breast cancer forever. It was amazing,” said Maureen Keenan Meldrum, Race chair. “The excitement, spirit, generosity and gratitude of all those present, was contagious. It makes me proud to be part of the metro Detroit community.”

Honorary Co-Chairs Senator Carl Levin and Barbara Levin; Senator Debbie Stabenow; Governor Rick Snyder and wife Sue, a breast cancer survivor; and Mayor Dave Bing and Yvette Bing inspired the crowd with their shared commitment to the fight against breast cancer.

Since 1992, going in to Race day, the Komen Detroit Race has raised and invested \$20 million to help end breast cancer forever. Seventy-five percent of the net proceeds fund breast cancer screening, treatment and education programs for medically underserved in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties; and the remaining 25 percent supports groundbreaking breast cancer research awarded through Susan G. Komen for the Cure Award and Research Grant Program. In 2010 alone, the Detroit Race raised \$2.3 million, providing year-round resources, \$1.55 million in community grants and more than \$428,300 to support global breast cancer research. 2011 figures will be available in August.

“We fully expect the 2011 Race to surpass last year,” Meldrum said. “Donations will continue to be accepted for this year through July 1. We are so thankful to all of our supporters, sponsors and volunteers who made this year’s Race the best ever. Although this year’s event is over, as long as there is one person dying from this disease, our race to end breast cancer continues. We will do whatever it takes to assure that everyone has access to early detection and quality care for breast cancer. ”

Since its inception, Susan G. Komen for the Cure® has invested an unprecedented \$1.9 billion in breast cancer programs and research worldwide. The Komen Detroit Race is a top-tier event in the Komen Series of nearly 150 events held annually on five continents involving more than 1.6 million participants.

Every three minutes a woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer. Worldwide, a woman dies of breast cancer every 69 seconds. To help make an impact, donations are still being accepted; and sponsors, volunteers and advocates can get involved year-round. To learn more, visit:

<http://www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure/friendsfor.asp> or call 1-800-KARMANOS.

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