

***Nonprofit Chamber of Services
Nonprofit of the Week***

This series has been established with the intent of increasing awareness of the many causes and efforts taken on by our nonprofit brethren. If your nonprofit has a particular event taking place during the course of a week, an anniversary for example, please make this known and we will do all possible to accommodate a spotlight that coincides. On behalf of our membership, we wish to say “thank you” for taking a few moments from your busy schedule to learn a bit more about our community of nonprofits.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died from breast cancer at the age of 36. The foundation is supported by generous donors, corporate sponsors, and more than 75,000 volunteers dedicated to the fight against breast cancer.

The Mid-Kansas Affiliate of the Komen foundation started in 1990 with Wichita’s first Race for the Cure. Originally, a project of the Junior League of Wichita, the event has continued to grow in Wichita and this year The Mid-Kansas Affiliate of The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation held their “16th Annual Komen Wichita Race for the Cure.” With more than 6200 in attendance, the Wichita Race continues to be the largest road race held in Kansas and attracts participants from more than 60 Kansas counties and several states.

The annual “Komen Wichita Race for the Cure” is the premier fundraising event for the *Mid-Kansas Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation*. The money raised from the Wichita Race is used to fund local breast health and breast cancer projects, including their Free Mammography Program, which has provided 16,000 free mammograms throughout the state of Kansas. Remarkably, the Affiliate is an all volunteer organization with no paid staff. Recently, the Mid-Kansas Affiliate announced that over \$250,000 in grant money would be given to Kansas communities to provide breast cancer screening and breast health/breast cancer educational and outreach programs.

For more information about the Mid-Kansas Affiliate call 316-683-8510 or visit our website at www.komenwichitaraceforthe cure.org