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FRANCES WALKER JOINS KOMEN PUGET SOUND AS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SEATTLE - The Komen Puget Sound affiliate and the Board of Directors would like to announce **they have** retained Frances Walker as the interim executive director for Komen Puget Sound. Ms. Walker, a consultant with The Valtas Group, will lead the team while the board, in conjunction with the Waldron Group, conducts the search for the next executive director.

Ms. Walker brings over 20 years' experience working with nonprofit and for profit organizations on a broad range of issues in the public/global health, social justice and economic development. She brings a great deal of leadership experience to the team at Komen Puget Sound.

Holding a Masters in International Affairs and an MBA in Sustainable Business/Organization, Ms. Walker has been appointed to and served on over 20 national and state task forces, committees, and advocacy groups. She has worked and consulted with a broad range of organizations from community start-up nonprofits to the Clinton Foundation Health Access Initiative, University of Washington Global Health, US Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, and the Pan American Health Organization. Her passion is strengthening systems and building organizational capacity to create deep and sustainable change that provides an integrative and participatory approach to complex issues.

Her non-profit work includes six years as project officer to community organizations executing an innovative program that became a national model for effective outreach to at-risk populations. More recently, she has served as Executive Director with a global economic development NGO and a statewide anti-human trafficking non-profit, successfully steering both organizations through major periods of transition. Frances has also served on the Boards of three Washington state non-profits, and continues to volunteer with a broad range of social justice and economic development organizations.

Originally from the UK, Frances has lived/worked in 21 countries and experiencing diverse cultures is still her greatest passion. Residing in the Greater Seattle area since 2005, she enjoys travel, yoga, and exploring the beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

"We see Frances' background, experience and leadership as an important part of supporting the work the team is doing as we search for the next executive director. Her extensive health-related experience made her the ideal person to step in while we conduct the search", said Dr. Amy P. Sing, MD, Komen Puget Sound board president.

About Susan G. Komen® Puget Sound

Susan G. Komen Puget Sound was founded in 1993. Through the community's generosity, Komen Puget Sound has given more than \$33 million to fund breast cancer screenings, patient support and medical research to find a cure, helping tens of thousands of local, low-income women receive services critical to early detection and survival. To learn more about Komen Puget Sound, please visit www.komenpugetsound.org or follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/KomenPugetSound), Twitter (@KomenPugetSound) or Instagram (instagram.com/komenpugetsound)

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