

# Buried in Pink

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## ***Pink Ribbons connect Susan G. Komen Foundation and Planned Parenthood***

**P**rolife individuals are often concerned that their charitable donations could go to an organization that in some way supports abortion or supports other organizations which support abortion. The following fact sheet discusses the Susan G. Komen Foundation's ties to America's leading abortion provider, Planned Parenthood.

### **Komen affiliates have a long history of giving grants to Planned Parenthood.**

In a press release in July 2015, Komen stated that they gave \$465,000 to 11 Planned Parenthood centers. In the fiscal year 2009, Susan G. Komen affiliates gave \$731,303 to Planned Parenthood affiliates. From 2004-2009, Komen affiliates gave a total of approximately \$3.3 million in grants to Planned Parenthood affiliates.<sup>1</sup>

Susan G. Komen defends these grants by saying they are only used for breast cancer screenings. However, grant money is fungible so when Planned Parenthood receives funding from the Komen Foundation they are now able to spend more of their other money on performing and promoting abortions.

### **Komen's leadership has ties to Planned Parenthood.**

Nancy Brinker, the founder of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, was listed as an advisory board member in

the 2002 annual report of Planned Parenthood of North Texas, the fifth largest Planned Parenthood affiliate in the nation. Nancy Brinker received the Gertrude Shelburne Humanitarian Award from Planned Parenthood of North Texas in 1996. Gertrude Shelburne established Planned Parenthood in Dallas and was a friend of Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger.<sup>2</sup>

### **Komen openly denies the link between abortion and breast cancer.**

The Susan G. Komen Foundation officially denies the link between abortion and breast cancer. To support their position, Komen sites conclusions from a 2003 workshop hosted by the National Cancer Institute.<sup>3</sup> The chair of that workshop was Dr. Louise Brinton. More recently, Dr. Brinton co-authored a study which found abortion increases breast cancer risk by 40 percent and accepts abortion as a "known or suspected" risk factor.<sup>4</sup> Others are coming to the same conclusion. The Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer web site shows the majority of published peer-reviewed studies indicate abortion increases the risk of breast cancer.<sup>5</sup>

The reason why the Susan G. Komen Foundation denies the link between abortion and breast cancer can only be answered by them. Up-to-date research links induced abortion to breast cancer. Women who are facing an untimely pregnancy and women with past abortions have the right to be informed. Women deserve to know the facts about future health risks regarding medical procedures.

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