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Christiana Care Health System's Pink Ribbon Program receives Grant from Susan G. Komen Philadelphia

(NEWARK, Del. – April 4, 2014) [Christiana Care Health System](#) received a \$100,000 grant from Susan G. Komen Philadelphia to fund its [Pink Ribbon Program](#), a free service pairing patients with bilingual navigators to improve access to mammography screenings.

The program is offered through Christiana Care's [Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute](#). Navigators partner with patients to schedule mammogram appointments, provide breast-health education, find transportation, escort patients during the screening and help them identify sources of funding to cover the cost of the mammogram needed. The Komen navigators, who speak both Spanish and English, also provide community education to promote breast health, cancer prevention and early detection. The program also provides funds for screening for those who are eligible and use block screening times for mammograms on the second Tuesday and third Thursday of each month at Christiana Care's Wilmington Hospital.

This marks the 12th consecutive year that Christiana Care has earned the Pink Ribbon Program grant.

“Thanks to this grant, we are able to partner with women in the community to make sure they get screenings that have the potential to find a cancer early on, when it is most easily treated,” said Nora Katurakes, RN, MSN, OCN, manager of Community Health Outreach and Education at the Graham Cancer Center. “Women who otherwise would not have been able to get screened now have the opportunity to do so because of this grant.”

For the 2014-2015 grant period, Komen Philadelphia distributed the more than \$1.1 million in grants to 12 organizations including Christiana Care that support breast health education, awareness, screening, treatment and projects targeting low-income, uninsured women. Komen Philadelphia's rigorous grantee selection process assures funded programs uphold the integrity of the Komen name and meet the needs of diverse communities throughout its service area.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care providers, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Thomas Jefferson Medical College, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services, as well as for its Level-I trauma care and Level-3 neonatal intensive care (both highest capability). Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds, a home health care service, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physicians and an extensive range of outpatient services.

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