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### **For Immediate Press Release**

#### **Leaders in Breast Cancer Research and Life-Saving Efforts join together to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> South Central Metastatic Breast Cancer Conference**

*Susan G. Komen® Houston and Theresa's Research Foundation aim to connect and educate patients, caregivers and researchers*

**Houston – Jan. 21, 2020-** [Susan G. Komen® Houston](#), in conjunction with [Theresa's Research Foundation](#), will host the [2<sup>nd</sup> South Central Metastatic Breast Cancer Conference](#): A Conference for Those Living with Advanced Breast Cancer, on Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8, 2020. The conference is designed by patients with Metastatic Breast Cancer (MBC), for patients with MBC and aims to inform conference participants about scientific breakthroughs and emerging treatment options, how to improve quality of life for MBC patients and how to create a support system.

The conference will bring together MBC patients and their caregivers with medical professionals, scientists, survivors and advocates to discuss trending topics, engage in Q&A and form a like-minded community for all participants.

“The 2<sup>nd</sup> South Central MBC Conference is a patient-centered event designed to facilitate a sense of community for participants,” said Julie Voss, Executive Director at Komen Houston. “Beyond sharing scientific breakthroughs and emerging treatments, our goal is to help improve patients’ quality of life and let them know that they are not alone in their fight. We are proud to include a variety of sessions that affect participants, such as workplace issues and career transitions.”

“Partnering with an organization like Susan G. Komen Houston and working with MBC patients gives us the ability to create a unique experience for participants and make a greater impact on patients’ lives,” said Josh W. Newby, Founder and Executive Director of Theresa's Research Foundation.

The two-day conference will feature:

- Dr. Debu Tripathy, chairman of the Department of Breast Medical Oncology and leader of the Advanced Breast Cancer Program at MD Anderson Cancer Center, discussing the progress of MBC treatments.
- Dr. Matthew Ellis, recipient of the Susan G. Komen® Brinker Award and director of the Lester and Sue Smith Breast Center at Baylor College of Medicine, discussing the impact of patients participating in research for metastatic breast cancer.

- Breakout sessions will be offered and include medical professional panelists who will address coping with MBC diagnosis, intimacy and healthy eating.

The event is chaired by MBC patient, Pat Jones. Ms. Jones is a 26-year breast cancer survivor. Originally diagnosed with HERC 2 positive stage 2 breast cancer in 1993, Pat's cancer returned, and she was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in 2003. She is an active volunteer and founding co-chair for Komen Houston's Partners in Pink Galveston County Breast Cancer Coalition.

The Conference is supported by Amgen and Eli Lilly. The conference will be held at the Norris Conference Center at CityCentre in Houston, TX. Conference attendance is free and is open to metastatic patients, survivors, caregivers and co-survivors. To register, go to [www.Komen-Houston.org/mbcc](http://www.Komen-Houston.org/mbcc).

### **About Susan G. Komen® Houston**

SUSAN G. KOMEN® HOUSTON is committed to saving lives locally and fighting breast cancer globally. Komen Houston is the only local breast cancer organization attacking the disease on all fronts through education, screening, treatment, support, advocacy and research and has set a Bold Goal to reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths by 50 percent by 2026. The organization serves women and men throughout Harris and its surrounding six counties battling breast cancer by removing barriers to care and eliminating health disparities.

If you would like to learn about volunteer opportunities or get information about the Komen Houston Race for the Cure® and other events, visit [www.komen-houston.org](http://www.komen-houston.org) or call 713-783-9188.

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