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## **San Diego Chargers partner with Komen San Diego to fund free mammograms**

*Thursday, October 2 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Qualcomm Stadium*

**SAN DIEGO (September 23, 2014)**—To kick off breast cancer awareness month, the San Diego Chargers are partnering with Komen San Diego, the county's largest funder of free breast cancer treatments, services and support, to underwrite the cost of providing qualified women access to free mammograms from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Qualcomm Stadium.

Last year, the San Diego Chargers were the first NFL team in the nation to support breast cancer awareness month with this type of campaign—where over 700 San Diegans reached out to get help—and since then they have inspired other teams to follow in their footsteps.

"I understand how vital early detection is as my mom is a breast cancer survivor," said A.G. Spanos, the Chargers' executive vice president and chief executive officer. "I encourage women to come out to this event for a free mammogram because early detection saves lives."

This event will provide free on-site mobile mammography and clinical breast exams for qualified women in San Diego County 40 and older. If a woman under 40 needs assistance, she will be directed to a program that is able to provide the help she needs. All participants will also receive a primary medical placement and be linked to a medical home, which is important for following up each year. Additional breast health information will also be available.

"The Chargers are the first team in the NFL to take their support of breast cancer awareness month to action off the field," said Laura Farmer Sherman, executive director of Komen San Diego. "These free mammograms will help us save the lives of a San Diegan without the resources she needs to stay healthy. In San Diego, every day six women are diagnosed with breast cancer and one woman dies. The Chargers are helping change that statistic."

**What:** San Diego Chargers Breast Cancer Awareness Month Screening Event

**Where:** Qualcomm Stadium Parking Lot (A2/B2), 9449 Friars Road San Diego, CA 92108

**For further information and to inquire about qualifying:** Call 619-508-8088 or [bertha@wesupportu.org](mailto:bertha@wesupportu.org)

**When:** Thursday, October 2, 2014

**Time:** 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE to qualified women

With \$1 million at work locally, Komen San Diego continues to be the county's only breast cancer organization committed to providing services for every step of the breast cancer journey, which includes education, outreach, free mammograms and diagnostic services, financial assistance for living expenses, food assistance, transportation and more.

For more information on where you can get mammograms, visit [www.komensandiego.org](http://www.komensandiego.org).

**About Susan G. Komen San Diego:**

Since its inception in 1995, Komen San Diego has raised more than \$12.5 million to fund local non-profits who provide everything from free diagnostic mammograms and surgeries to meal delivery, child care and temporary financial aid. Seventy-five percent of every dollar raised stays right here in San Diego County to fund free diagnostic mammograms, treatment and services for qualified women and their families. The remaining 25 percent funds international breast cancer research. In fact, next to the U.S. government, Susan G. Komen is the largest funder of breast cancer research in the world. For more information, please visit [www.komensandiego.org](http://www.komensandiego.org).

**About San Diego County Medical Foundation:**

San Diego County Medical Society Foundation was formed in 2005 as a separate 501c3 not-for-profit organization by the San Diego County Medical Society, with the mission of addressing unmet San Diego healthcare needs of all patients and physicians through innovation, education, and service. Our programs and services are focused on increasing access to healthcare services, improving health outcomes, and building the future healthcare system.

**About the Chargers:**

The San Diego Chargers originated as the Los Angeles Chargers of the American Football League in 1960. The team relocated to San Diego in 1961 and captured the American Football League championship in 1963. It finished first in five of the 10 AFL seasons. Since joining the National Football League when the two leagues merged in 1970, the Chargers have won 11 AFC West division titles, including six titles in the last 10 seasons. Overall, the team has played in 28 playoff games. The Chargers were purchased by construction leader and real estate developer Alex G. Spanos in 1984 and has been under the guidance of Spanos' eldest son Dean, the team's Chairman of the Board-President, since 1994. That same season the team won the AFC Championship and played in Super Bowl XXIX. The Chargers are Southern California's only NFL franchise and all Chargers games are annually the highest-rated television programming in San Diego. The Chargers play their home games at Qualcomm Stadium and the Spanos family, nationally renowned as one of San Diego's and the NFL's most philanthropic families, has invested millions of dollars in an effort to secure a new Super Bowl-quality stadium for San Diego.

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