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Longtime Breast Cancer Fundraiser Wins a Trip

SEATTLE, WA – A Poulsbo resident and regular Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure participant was the winner of GHCU's (Group Health Credit Union) sweepstakes for a free trip for two to another 2006 Race for the Cure of her choice, and a \$200 donation in her name to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. GHCU was pleased to sponsor the 13th Annual Komen Race for the Cure® on June 17, 2006 for the second year.

Karen Lange, the winner of the drawing, chose to attend the San Diego, California Race for the Cure in November, with her sister-in-law Judy Johnson. These two women have participated in the Seattle Race since 2002. Prior to living in Seattle, Lange participated in other breast cancer events for many years. "Breast cancer hits uncomfortably close to home," Lange expressed. "I have had multiple friends with breast cancer, some from college and other parts of my life. I have a few friends finishing up treatment now. I haven't had a member in my family be a victim, but the odds are against us."

Donating \$200 to the Foundation in Lange's name and sending her to another 2006 Race for the Cure is GHCU's way of continuing support for the eradication of breast cancer. After receiving the winning news, Lange responded, "This is such a surprise and a blessing. I have to admit I thought about donating the trip to a survivor... But truly I prayed about it and thought the good Lord can use me somehow in this scenario."

Winning the trip has inspired Lange to set a goal of raising \$1000 for the Seattle area Komen organization. "I figure if I can get 50 people to give me \$20, this trip will benefit someone in our own area as well," Lange stated.

The Komen Race for the Cure Series is the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world. In addition to raising funds, the Series is committed to educating the public about early detection, the strongest method of surviving breast cancer. GHCU has been a Race for the Cure sponsor for two years, with plans to continue participation in years to come.

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