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Chefs for the Cure Exceeds Previous Year's Donations by 50 Percent for Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Tulsa Affiliate

Tulsa, Okla. – Approximately 400 people attended the sixth annual *Chefs for the Cure* event at Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) on July 10, which raised more than \$18,800 for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Tulsa affiliate, a 50 percent increase from last year's event total of \$12,500.

Two new elements this year helped to raise even more money for Komen. The "Sing for Your Supper" activity gave guests an opportunity to vote for their favorite chefs and dishes by dropping money into jars placed at each chef's station. The top five chefs who collected the most donations were then given the opportunity to sing karaoke style. The top five chefs who had the opportunity to sing included Anthony Card of Elements Steakhouse at River Spirit Casino, Michael Fusco of Michael Fusco's Riverside Grill, Rachel Pool of CTCA, Michael Funk of Polo Grill, and Kenny Wagoner of CTCA, who won the competition with his rendition of Garth Brooks' "Friends in Low Places."

The second new element was a wine pull. Guests who donated \$25 to Komen were able to pull a wine from a disguised collection that ranged in various prices. Dynamic Brands, Inc., donated the wines.

"We look forward to this fun event every year and we are so appreciative to all of the great chefs and to our Vision Partner, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, for making this event such a success," said Christy Southard, Komen Tulsa executive director. "While we enjoy great food and fun, *Chefs for the Cure* is really about raising awareness and money for the fight against breast cancer right here in our own community."

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Since 2005, *Chefs for the Cure* has raised more than \$80,800 for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Tulsa affiliate. Komen will use 75 percent of the net proceeds to fund breast cancer education, screening and treatment programs for underserved women in Tulsa County and 25 percent to fund national breast cancer research through the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Grants Program.

Some of the participating restaurants at the event included All Things Cake, Baxter's Interurban Grill, The Brasserie, CTCA Tulsa, Catering by PartySERVE, Celebrity, Cosmo Café, Culinary Institute of America, D'Novo Lean Gourmet, Elements Steakhouse at River Spirit Casino, Gina & Guiseppe's Italian Ristorante, Go Fresh, Ludger's, Great Harvest Bread Co., Michael Fusco's Riverside Grill, The Oaks Country Club, OSU School of Culinary Arts, Platt College Culinary Arts, Polo Grill, Silver Spoon Catering, Sodexo Catering, Southcrest Hospital, Tankersley, and Wolfgang Puck Bistro.

Business sponsors included Daryl and Carol Southard, Tulsa National Bank, Williams, and Cancer Treatment Centers of America.

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About Cancer Treatment Centers of America®

Founded in 1988, Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) provides a comprehensive, patient-centered treatment model that fully integrates traditional, state-of-the-art medical treatments with scientifically supported complementary therapies such as nutrition, naturopathic medicine, psychological counseling, physical therapy and spiritual support to meet the special, whole-person needs of advanced stage cancer patients. With a network of cancer treatment hospitals and community oncology programs in Arizona, Illinois, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Washington, CTCA encourages patients and their families to participate in treatment decisions with its Patient Empowered CareSM model. For more information about Cancer Treatment Centers of America, go to cancercenter.com.