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**WCCC INMATES WALK 2 MILES IN SUPPORT OF SUSAN G. KOMEN
FOUNDATION AND BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

HONOLULU – On Sunday, October 21, 2018, more than one hundred forty (140) inmates wearing the official 2018 Race for the Cure Hawaii t-shirts, plus civilian staff and volunteers joined together to walk the Women’s Community Correctional Center (WCCC) recreation field to show their support of breast cancer awareness and the Susan G. Komen Hawaii Breast Cancer Foundation. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The women, staff and volunteers walked 20 times around the recreation field (2 miles) to promote breast cancer awareness and raise funds to benefit the organization.

“When we were approached by someone on our staff with this idea, I thought it was a wonderful way to support a worthy cause,” said WCCC Warden Eric Tanaka. “We are always looking for ways the women can promote a healthy lifestyle while also giving back to the community, and the women were eager to do it. We plan to continue this partnership with the Susan G. Komen Hawaii Breast Cancer Foundation for years to come.”

Quote from Amanda Stevens, Susan G. Komen Hawaii Breast Cancer Foundation:
"From the opening oli and pule by Hyacinth, a survivor and inmate, to the camaraderie of the women coming together for this cause, to speaking with Warden Tanaka about how this disease has impacted his family, it was an incredibly moving day and we look forward to partnering with WCCC every year to Walk for the Cure."

About Susan G. Komen and Komen Hawaii

Susan G. Komen is the world's largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. Komen has set a Bold Goal to reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths by 50 percent in the U.S. by 2026. Komen was founded in 1982 by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy's life.

Komen Hawaii is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancers in the local community. Through events like the Komen Hawaii Race for the Cure®, Komen Hawaii has invested \$4,237,487.00 in community breast health programs Hawaii and has helped contribute to the more than \$920 million invested globally in research.

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