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## **Spirit of Jane Rodney Award to Honor CINJ Physician**

*The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Central and South Jersey Affiliate will Present Third Annual Award to Dr. Deborah Toppmeyer*

**March 31, 2005** – The Central and South Jersey Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation today announced that they will honor Dr. Deborah Toppmeyer, Director, LIFE Center for Breast Cancer Awareness and Director, New Jersey Comprehensive Breast Cancer Program at CINJ and Professor of Medicine, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, at the Third Annual Spirit of Jane Rodney Award Reception to be held at Drumthwacket (the Governor’s Mansion), on Thursday, May 19, 2005. Dr. Rachel Dultz of Princeton Surgical Associates will also be honored.

“The Spirit of Jane Rodney award was created in memory of our late, beloved director, who lost her battle with breast cancer in January 2002,” said Nancy Healey, Executive Director of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Central and South Jersey Affiliate. “Jane was a passionate leader, tireless fighter and an exceptional visionary. She lived life to the fullest, possessing a keen mind and a compassionate soul. Jane had faith in the goodness of humanity, and she believed that one person can make a difference,” she continued.

Dr. Toppmeyer was selected as one of this year’s recipients to recognize her compassion and energy on behalf of her patients, as well as her dedication to eradicating breast cancer. She is a leader in the field of breast oncology and acts as an advocate for patients and their families by providing excellent medical care and noting the importance of treating the physical, as well as the emotional components of breast cancer.

All affiliate proceeds from the Spirit of Jane Rodney Award Reception will be used exclusively to provide mammograms for the medically underserved in Central and Southern New Jersey.

For more information about the Spirit of Jane Rodney Award and Reception, please contact Nancy Healey at 609/896-1201 or [nhealey@komencsnj.org](mailto:nhealey@komencsnj.org).

The mission of the Susan G. Komen Foundation is to eradicate breast cancer as a life threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment. Twenty-five percent of all net proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant program and 75 percent helps fund breast cancer diagnostics, treatment, awareness and educational projects for the medically underserved within New Jersey.

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey is the state's first and only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, and is dedicated to improving the prevention, detection, treatment and care of patients with cancer. CINJ's physician-scientists engage in translational research, transforming their laboratory discoveries into clinical practice-quite literally bringing research to life. The Cancer Institute of New Jersey is a Center of Excellence of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Network is comprised of hospitals throughout the state and provides a mechanism to rapidly disseminate important, valid discoveries into the community. CINJ Partner Hospitals: Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Atlantic Health System (Morristown Memorial Hospital, Mountainside Hospital, Overlook Hospital). CINJ Affiliate Hospitals: Bayshore Community Hospital, CentraState Healthcare System, Cooper University Hospital\*, Jersey Shore University Medical Center, JFK Medical Center, Monmouth Medical Center, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton, Saint Peter's University Hospital, Somerset Medical Center, Southern Ocean County Hospital, The University Hospital/UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School\*, University Medical Center at Princeton.

\* Academic Affiliate-includes The Cancer Institute of New Jersey at Cooper and the UMDNJ-NJMS/University Hospital Cancer Center.

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