

## **\$50,000.00 grant awarded to the Chatham Health District for Breast Cancer Awareness program.**

**East Hampton, CT. – April 1, 2010** – The Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® has awarded a \$50,000.00 grant to Chatham Health District in partnership with the Cromwell Health Department for Education and Outreach to connect women to screening services in the town of Cromwell.

The grant from Komen Connecticut will support the Breast Cancer Awareness Program (B-CAP), an initiative to collectively increase breast-self exams, clinical breast exams and screening mammogram rates. The program will involve education and outreach to community members promoting the importance of early detection of breast cancer.

The program will bring awareness about the importance of annual screening methods among women 40 years and older and high risk women under age 40. The program will reach out to all women with a focus on the low-income, the uninsured, the elderly, women with disabilities and diverse populations.

Komen Connecticut's *Community Profile of Breast Health in Connecticut*, a comprehensive community needs assessment, is used to identify the unmet breast health needs of the Connecticut community. The report is also used to establish funding priorities for the next two grant making cycles.

"It's important that we work together to improve the breast health of all Connecticut residents," said Anne Morris, executive director for Komen Connecticut. "We're proud to support Chatham Health District and Cromwell Health Department and their efforts to fight breast cancer in Connecticut."

The Chatham Health District and the Cromwell Health Department are both public health agencies that are committed to providing communities comprehensive public health services to prevent disease and injury, promote healthier communities and ensure a safe environment. Both local health departments are committed to eliminating disparities in the incidence of disease and outcomes across all demographic groups and identifying and removing barriers, while promoting access to appropriate services. For additional information on the program or to apply for free screenings for the uninsured or underinsured call Vickie at 860-365-0884.