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TLSF's Deborah Vollmer Dahlke Appointed to Susan G. Komen for the Cure Advocates in Science

Austin, TX (October 25, 2010) Texas Life Science Foundation's (TLSF) Director of Clinical Trials, Deborah Vollmer Dahlke was appointed to serve as a member of the prestigious Susan G. Komen for the Cure Advocates in Science. Komen's Advocates in Science program involves advocates in a variety of scientific activities to ensure that their perspectives are integrated into the scientific dialog. Vollmer Dahlke also serves as a research advocate for the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group (ACOSOG) working with the ACOSOG breast cancer group to review and provide advocate input into breast cancer trial proposals under consideration by the group. Working with www.breastcancertrials.org, a nationally recognized patient matching system for breast cancer patients, Vollmer Dahlke has helped increase the number of Texas breast cancer trials and research centers available for online matching and referral. In her work at TLSF, she developed the patent-pending Navi4Health clinical trial case management system to support patient navigators and Promotoras de Salud in their work with cancer patients.

"Patient advocacy is vital to the research process – advocates provide the important voice of the breast cancer patient in determining what research gets funded and how the research is carried out. Advocates put a human face on the disease and remind scientists of the urgency to find the cures. Susan G. Komen for the Cure® is proud of our trained and dedicated research advocates and the important contribution they make every day." said Shelley Fuld-Nasso, Director Public and Medical Affairs

"We're pleased that Komen has recognized TLSF's and Ms. Vollmer Dahlke's efforts to increase access to and awareness of breast cancer trials in Texas, said TLSF President, Tom Kowalski. "Texas has more cancer trials than any other state in the nation. The work of advocates in all areas of chronic disease is critical to ensuring that patients have access to trials and that they understand the importance of research and its translation into clinical and public health."

About Texas Life Science Foundation (TLSF) www.tlsfoundation.org TLSF is an entrepreneurial nonprofit foundation working to increase access to clinical trials, expand and accelerate recruitment, especially among underserved and minority populations and to support patient communications and retention in trials. Through supporting cancer clinical trial enrollment via personalized patient matching and navigation to trials TLSF will deliver services to Texas cancer patients and their families at www.ClinicalTrialsTexas.org. More information about TLSF is available at its website. www.TLSFoundation.org.