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## **Komen defeating its own mission by giving grants to Planned Parenthood**

Last week we shared our research that reveals that 18 Komen affiliates gave more than half a million dollars in grants to Planned Parenthood in 2010--the latest year for which figures are available--defeating its own mission of fighting breast cancer.

Planned Parenthood does not provide breast cancer care. As far as screening, it is not licensed to do anything beyond Level 1 manual breast examinations--the same exam that can be done by a woman in her home, or in any clinic or physician's office. Planned Parenthood does not perform mammograms. It is not licensed to do so.

Add to that the fact that Planned Parenthood's two big money makers--abortion and contraceptives--are directly linked to breast cancer by numerous studies conducted from the 1960s through the present. In fact, in 2005, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), part of the UN's World Health Organization, classified hormonal contraceptives as Group 1 carcinogens for breast, cervical, and liver cancers after reviewing the world's literature on estrogen--progestin combination drugs. They are still on that list, despite denial by Planned Parenthood and Komen that there is any connection between oral contraceptives and breast cancer.

It makes no sense whatsoever for Komen to give money to Planned Parenthood. Komen's claim that women in some areas would not be able to receive breast cancer care without giving grants to Planned Parenthood is horribly misleading, at best.

And as you can see by looking at the 2010 list of grantees, those grants include densely populated urban areas, like Planned Parenthood of North Texas (Dallas) and Planned Parenthood of Central and South Jersey. To say that there is no other alternative in such areas for women to receive breast cancer screening and care is absolutely preposterous.

Call your local Komen chapter today and tell its directors to insist that no Komen affiliates give money to Planned Parenthood. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out how counterproductive those grants are.

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