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#### The LIFE Mission

The LIFE Event (LPGA Pros in the Fight to Eradicate Breast Cancer) mission is to fund education and research dedicated to the eradication of breast cancer as a life-threatening disease while reaching out to a younger generation of women with educational programs and information about the importance of early detection and healthy breast care practices.

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The 2012 LIFE Event was held June 11 at Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell, New Jersey. The thirteenth annual pro-am featured some of the most elite women golfers in the world from the LPGA. The LIFE Event, still noted as one of the biggest single-day golf event fundraisers for breast cancer initiatives, has raised more than \$8 million for breast cancer research, awareness and prevention programs since its inception in 2000.

## **Beneficiaries**

The 2012 LIFE Event benefited Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the largest private backer of breast cancer research and education, the New Brunswick-based Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ), a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center and the Young Survival Coalition.

Skinner and these beneficiaries, who share the common goal of eliminating breast cancer as a life-threatening disease, created the "Young Women's Initiative," a multifaceted approach to educating young women and other audiences about the risks associated with breast cancer and the importance of early detection. Programs from these beneficiaries and funded by LIFE continue to move this initiative.

Key Programs Funded by LIFE

LIFE was the founding sponsor of Susan G. Komen for the Cure's nationwide initiative, Komen On the  $Go^{TM}$ , an interactive, educational, mobile tour that travels to community events and universities across the U.S., conveying life-saving information about breast cancer.

LIFE supports the LIFE Center at CINJ where researchers and medical professionals are dedicated to improving young women's understanding of the breast cancer risk and their knowledge of appropriate prevention and screening strategies. The LIFE center has established numerous satellite centers for genetic counseling at CINK-affiliated hospitals. Through the life centers young women at risk across the state are provided counseling specific to their needs.

Also funded by LIFE is CINJ's BioCONECT program, a post-doctoral LIFE Fellowship that focuses on the implementation of a high school biology curriculum that teaches genetics using breast cancer as its focus. In 2008 the BioCONECT pilot program was launched in New Jersey area schools and was implemented in South Carolina schools in 2009.

## **LIFE Event Partners**

2012 LIFE Event partners included Amy & Joe Perella, Marsh & McLennan Companies, Marsh USA, C.R. Bard, EmblemHealth and Genentech. Other notable supporters are Assured Guaranty, ACE Group, QualCare, The Cox Classic/Steven A. Cox Foundation and Lincoln.

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based Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ), a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center.

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