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### **Last Chance to Register for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Health Summit!**

HOUSTON, TX – Online registration for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Health Summit, to be held October 20-21 at the United Way of Greater Houston, closes Wednesday, October 19. Registration will be available at the door, but scholarship applications must also be submitted before October 19. The Summit, a two-day statewide conference hosted by the Breast Health Collaborative of Texas, is open to anyone with an interest in breast health and includes everyone along the continuum of care for a breast cancer patient.

“I am thrilled about the Summit as this is a pivotal year,” said Amy Deutsch, Summit Co-Chair and Advanced Practice Nurse with Memorial Hermann System Cancer Services. “We are offering many innovative new things such as an opening panel discussion moderated by KHOU-TV news anchor Shern-Min Chow entitled *Breast Cancer & Access to Care: The Texas State of Affairs*, renowned speakers from across the country and state who will be addressing many exciting new topics such as a look into the world of men and breast cancer and an honest discussion about breast cancer sexuality, to name a few. There will be something for everyone with an interest in the topic of breast health.”

The Summit’s goal is to educate and to open dialogue between healthcare professionals, caregivers, educators, survivors, community health workers, advocates and other individuals. The theme of this year’s event is “*Educate. Navigate. Advocate.*” which highlights the Summit’s and Collaborative’s aim to provide attendees with the tools to improve access through, around and across the gaps of the healthcare system so that no man or woman with breast cancer goes untreated.

“The mission of the Breast Health Collaborative is to unite and leverage resources in order to improve breast health care for all Texans, and the Summit is a growing educational event that brings all types of professionals and individuals touched by breast cancer together,” said Lyn Widlaski, Executive Director of the Collaborative. “We encourage everyone from around the state to attend, and offer scholarships so all women and men, regardless of their financial situation, have the opportunity to access this education and bring it back to their communities, families, and organizations.”

For the first time in the event’s history, the Summit will offer separate breakout tracks for professionals, survivors, and community health workers. Contact hours and continuing education units (CEUs) will be provided to nurses, certified health education specialists, social workers and community health workers.

Registration is \$50 for both days or, for nurses and social workers, \$50 for one day and \$85 for two days, and includes breakfast, lunch, continuing education units/hours and all materials. For more information and to register, visit [www.BreastHealthCollaborativeofTexas.org](http://www.BreastHealthCollaborativeofTexas.org), or contact Kerry Ingram at [kingram@therose.org](mailto:kingram@therose.org) or 281.464.5336.

#### **About the Breast Health Collaborative**

The Breast Health Collaborative of Texas is made up of almost 300 nonprofit, corporate and individual members throughout the State of Texas that are dedicated to making sure no one goes without breast

health care. It is the coordinating body influencing education, funding, and policy by serving as a resource for breast health issues and services. The Collaborative advocates on behalf of breast cancer services, education, patient navigation services and research. Visit [www.BreastHealthCollaborativeofTexas.org](http://www.BreastHealthCollaborativeofTexas.org) for more information.

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