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## Surprising partnership

“Thank you, Central Texas affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation!”

These are the closing words in the 2006 Planned Parenthood Waco newsletter for an article announcing a \$45,000 annual grant from the Central Texas Race for the Cure.

This appreciation is well placed. Nationally, only 5 percent of local Races for the Cure ally themselves with Planned Parenthood to support mammography.

The Central Texas Race for the Cure boldly partners with the nation’s leading abortion chain, which has administered over 12,000 abortions in Waco since 1994.

By the way, Planned Parenthood provides no mammograms. The agency simply refers for mammography provided elsewhere.

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*Explains Planned Parenthood of Central Texas CEO Pam Smallwood: “As we see patients for their annual exam (which includes breast exam and teaching of self breast exam) we refer our patients who are uninsured and have not had a baseline mammogram. If problems are detected in the mammogram, those reports are sent to us and we assist the patient in finding follow-up. We use our other Komen grant to pay for that follow-up, which can be quite expensive.” — Ed.*