WHAT WE'RE INVESTIGATING

- Understanding how psychosocial stress affects breast cancer biology and outcomes in Black women.
- Testing holistic approaches, including yoga-based meditation and diet counseling, to improve outcomes for Latina breast cancer survivors.
- Identifying differences in tumor cells that cause Black women with triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) to respond differently to chemotherapy than other populations and using these differences to develop biomarkers for more effective personalized therapies.

IN THE RESEARCH PIPELINE: MORE THAN 400 NEW STRATEGIES TO REDUCE BREAST CANCER DISPARITIES.

SPOTLIGHT: Training the next generation of scientists

Komen’s new dedicated grant mechanism — A Supplement to Promote Inclusion for Research Excellence (ASPIRE) grant — is intended to enhance the diversity of the breast cancer research workforce by providing established breast cancer scientists with supplemental funding to support research trainees from communities historically marginalized in research. ASPIRE is providing support for 11 trainees in its inaugural year with a second round of funding planned to continue the program.

Komen has dedicated a number of research grants to eliminating breast cancer inequities, including another dedicated grant mechanism, Training Researchers to Eliminate Disparities (TREND), which supports early career researchers seeking careers focused on breast cancer disparities. Komen has funded: 36 TREND grants that have supported nearly 170 students pursuing careers focused on breast cancer disparities research.