

Cancer charity halts grants to Planned Parenthood

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(AP) -- The nation's leading breast-cancer charity, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, is halting its financial partnerships with numerous Planned Parenthood affiliates.

The result is a bitter rift, linked to the national abortion debate, between two iconic organizations that have assisted millions of women.

[Planned Parenthood](#) says the cutoff, affecting grants for breast exams, results from Komen bowing to pressure from anti-abortion groups. Komen says the key reason is that Planned Parenthood is under investigation in [Congress](#) - a probe launched by a conservative Republican who was urged to act by anti-abortion activists.

The Komen grants, which totaled about \$680,000 last year and \$580,000 in 2010, went to at least 19 Planned Parenthood affiliates for [breast-cancer](#) screening and related services. Planned Parenthood hopes to raise new funds to fill the gap.

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