

Komen Tissue Bank Community Partner Overview

If you are a Komen affiliate, a breast cancer advocate, or an organization comprised of minorities or focused on minority concerns, and have an interest in collaborating with the KTB to arrange a collection event to be held in your city, the following information may be helpful:

- Community partners for KTB tissue collection events usually including your local Komen affiliate and other organizations that focus on and work with minority communities.
- The KTB plans one out-of-town event per year.
 - This event is planned a year or more in advance, and is a collaborative partnership between the Komen Tissue Bank / Indiana University and the medical partner.
 - Without a medical partner, we cannot arrange an out-of-town event.
 - A medical partner is usually an academic medical center, although other options are possible.
 - During the planning period, the KTB will host community partners at a collection event in Indianapolis to allow all to see and experience a tissue collection. Our events are unique and usually challenging to describe or envision unless witnessed in person.
- We are looking for community partners who are able to help facilitate recruiting ethnically and racially diverse donors and volunteers to participate in this one-time event in your city.
- These events can be a time-intensive process for a short term but feedback from past participants is overwhelmingly positive. Previous medical partners have enjoyed and benefited from the experience; should you wish to speak with prior partners, we are happy to connect you to facilitate a conversation.
- A community partner is expected to commit to assigning at least one member to be part of the Minority Recruitment Team, which is tasked with leading the recruitment of tissue donors of color.

If you are interested in being involved with a KTB tissue collection taking place in your city, and you have further questions, please feel free to ask us for more information.