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## **New Jersey Lottery Hostess, Erica Young, To Emcee Susan G. Komen Annual Gala to Honor Community Leaders**

**TRENTON, NJ – (April 28 , 2015)** – The New Jersey Lottery's draw hostess, Erica Young will be joining the Central and South Jersey Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for its annual *PINK! a night to celebrate* as emcee, Thursday, May 14, 2015. The event will be held at the Hamilton Manor.

Young has a longstanding dedication to the fight against breast cancer and increasing breast cancer awareness. She has staged successful community fundraising events benefiting breast cancer research in honor of her late mother, Hela Young, who was the New Jersey Lottery draw hostess for over 20 years, before she passed away in 2002 from breast cancer.

"I am honored and excited to be a part of such a wonderful event, supporting a cause that's very important to my family and me. I look forward to spending the evening with two community leaders who have had such a significant impact on those affected by breast cancer, and who have been committed to raising breast cancer awareness." Young said.

The Affiliate will be honoring two community leaders who have greatly supported the efforts of Komen Central and South Jersey. Robert A. Herbstman, M.D., FACS will be awarded the *Corporate Leadership Award*, and Nancy K. Healy will be awarded the *Spirit of Jane Rodney Award*.

The celebration will include music and a silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. with cocktail hour, followed by dinner and entertainment from professional dancers.

Seventy-five percent of the proceeds from the event will fund breast cancer screening and education programs in the Affiliate's 13-county footprint. The remaining 25% supports innovative national research initiatives to find the cures.

**ABOUT THE LOTTERY** Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed more than \$23 billion to the State in support of education and institutions. In Fiscal Year 2014, the Lottery's contribution was more than \$965 million. Among its beneficiaries are: veterans homes, colleges and universities, school nutrition programs, homes for the developmentally disabled, psychiatric hospitals, higher education scholarship programs and the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

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