

Mrs. Laura Bush Praises Susan G. Komen for the Cure on Good Morning America

October 22, 2007 – *Good Morning America* Host and breast cancer survivor Robin Roberts interviewed Mrs. Laura Bush today from Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on her involvement in the U.S.-Middle East Partnership for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research. Mrs. Bush spoke fondly of her long-term volunteer service with Komen for the Cure and credited the organization's work these past 25 years in changing the world. She explained that in many ways the UAE and Saudi Arabia are where the U.S. was back in the early 1980s, before Komen changed the culture and clinic – making it okay for women to talk about breast cancer publicly.

Mrs. Bush is joined on this historic trip to the UAE and Saudi Arabia by Komen CEO and President Hala Modellmog, as well as representatives from the State Department and Dr. Kendra Woods from M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. This is part of Komen for the Cure's 10-country pilot expansion initiative announced during the first-ever Susan G. Komen for the Cure Global Advocate Summit last month.

After visiting Abu Dhabi, UAE, the tour travels to Dubai, UAE and then to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and Riyadh. Hala will speak at the Riyadh launch event in addition to Mrs. Bush, Dr. Abdullah Al-Amro, CEO, King Fahad Medical City, Dr. Woods and Dr. Samia Al-Amoudi, a delegate to the Global Advocate Summit.

Watch this morning's [Good Morning America interview](#) and read [Hala's personal blog](#) as she travels through the Middle East. Check komen.org often to learn more about our role in the historic event, including global media highlights.