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LIVINGSTON HEALTHCARE ADDS SERVICE TO KOMEN-FUNDED MAMMOGRAM PROGRAM

Every three minutes a woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer. Early detection is often the key to successful treatment and recovery so regular exams are highly recommended. All women should conduct monthly breast self exams, women under 40 should have regular clinical breast exams, and women over 40 should get a mammogram each year.

In 2009, Livingston HealthCare received a grant from the Montana Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for Cure to conduct a comprehensive breast cancer awareness campaign and pay for breast cancer screenings for women in Park, Sweet Grass, and Meagher Counties.

Livingston HealthCare began paying for mammograms and breast ultrasounds for women who are uninsured or underinsured in July, 2009. In November, the organization launched a program to pay for clinical breast exams as well.

Clinical breast exams are available as a special appointment at Park Clinic with either Peggy Scanson, WHNP, or Julianne Anderson, PA-C. These appointments are open to any woman regardless of age or income and offer an opportunity to have this important annual screening.

“We know that these screenings are critical for detecting breast cancer and that survival is highly dependent on early diagnosis,” said Sandi Marlowe, Executive Director for the Livingston HealthCare Foundation. “However, estimates show that many of the women in Park County who should be getting screenings aren’t. That’s what we’re hoping to change with this program.”

For more information about how to get a free clinical breast exam or how to apply for a free mammogram, call 823-6261 or visit www.livingstonhealthcare.org.

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