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### **KOMEN MONTANA RENEWS LIVINGSTON HEALTHCARE GRANT TO PAY FOR MAMMOGRAMS**

The Montana Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® has awarded a \$10,000 grant to Livingston HealthCare for continued support of breast cancer prevention and detection in Park County and the surrounding area. The grant from Komen for the Cure supports ongoing breast health and breast cancer prevention education programs and the fund to pay for clinical breast exams for women of all ages and mammograms for women age 49 and under who are uninsured or underinsured.

“Clinical breast exams and mammograms are critical in screening for breast cancer,” said Sandi Marlowe, Executive Director for the Livingston HealthCare Foundation. “Ensuring access to these services is critical because breast cancer survival is highly dependent on early diagnosis.” In 2009, the program increased the overall number of mammogram by 10% and paid for screening services for women from Park, Meagher, and Sweet Grass Counties.

“At the Komen Montana Affiliate, we conducted a needs assessment and discovered that Livingston HealthCare’s request addresses an unmet need in Park County,” said Wendy Nicolai, Executive Director of Komen Montana. “We are confident that more women will have access to important screening services through this program, helping in the fight against breast cancer.”

Information on these free programs, along with applications, is available online at [www.livingstonhealthcare.org](http://www.livingstonhealthcare.org). More information can also be obtained through a Livingston HealthCare provider or by calling 823-6710.

“Women are good at taking care of other people—this is an initiative to remind them to take care of themselves,” added Marlowe. “Every woman in Park County 40 and over should be getting an annual mammogram. We want to let them know why they should and how they can.”

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