

# IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

## ISSUE: Women's Health Care

**Mammogram Project:** Ten years ago, Greater Gallatin United Way and Bozeman Deaconess Hospital joined together to provide free or reduced-cost screening mammograms to income eligible women who are uninsured or under-insured. Through 2008, over 300 women have found peace of mind through the Mammogram Project by receiving this potentially life-saving procedure.

Recently Advanced Medical Imaging, the business that provides mammograms, joined the partnership to ensure that more women could be screened. With additional funds raised by the Bozeman Deaconess Foundation for this purpose, the Mammogram Project is excited to set a goal to provide 100 screenings in 2009, a dramatic increase over previous years.

Please share this with your friends who may need a mammogram due to risk factors or age. Contact Jan at the Health Information Center at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital for the Mammogram Project Application, 522-1644. She can visit with you about this or other reduced cost options for which you may be eligible.

**Montana Breast and Cervical Health Program:** Administered by the Gallatin City-County Health Department, MBCHP is a program that will help income-eligible women obtain breast and cervical cancer screenings. Over 1700 women have been screened and referred into the Montana Breast & Cervical Cancer Treatment Program to help women, diagnosed through the program, pay for cancer treatment. A coalition of local providers, nonprofits, and interested persons form the MBCHP Coalition who work together to provide outreach and attain screening goals.

Through this program, low-cost mammograms are provided for women ages 40-64 and free Pap tests and exams for women 50-64 who meet income guidelines and have little or no health insurance. In certain circumstances, you may be eligible at ages 30-49.

Call 582-3107 today to find out if you qualify for these vital cancer screenings.

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Progress to date is a great indication of what can happen when a community comes together.

### GIVE.

Invest in your community.

EDUCATION. INCOME. HEALTH.

- Make a gift to Greater Gallatin United Way, designated to the Mammogram Project, or call Amy 582-3107 to find out how you can help MBCHP.

### ADVOCATE.

Champion the cause.

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- Tell your women friends and then, just to be sure, tell them again to make that important call.

### VOLUNTEER.

Give your time.

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- To join the MBCHP Coalition, contact Amy at 582-3107.