



the NEWSLETTER

Planned Parenthood *in Waco since 1939*

Spring/Summer 2010

Planned Parenthood receives \$25,000 for Mammography and \$20,000 for Follow-Up Diagnostic Testing from the Central Texas Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation for 2010

The Central Texas Affiliate of The Susan G. Komen Foundation granted \$25,000 to the Planned Parenthood mammography program to provide screening for low-income women and an additional \$20,000 for abnormal mammography follow-up diagnostic testing for 2010. Planned Parenthood contracts with the Hillcrest Breast Screening Center and Providence Breast Health Center to provide mammography to selected low-income patients.

To be eligible for this program, women must be age 40 and over, uninsured, low-income, and underserved and have had a recent gynecological exam. This grant also allows women with a history of cancer who demonstrate a need for mammography, no matter their age, to participate in the program if they meet the eligibility requirements. By detecting breast cancer early, treatment can be started that many times is life saving.

The grant of \$20,000 is to provide diagnostic testing for women who have an abnormal mammography. The patient must meet the same eligibility requirements. The grant pays for Diagnostic Mammography and additional views, Breast Ultrasound Bilateral, Breast Ultrasound-guided Core Biopsy, and Stereotactic Breast Biopsy.

In 2009 we provided 487 mammograms and 162 diagnostic follow-up procedures for our patients. Since this program began in 2001, we have provided 2,683 mammograms to low-income women. These patients are so thankful to the Komen Foundation for affording them access to this life saving health care.

As a provider for the Texas Department of State Health Services Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening (BCCS) in the 10 county area surrounding/ including McLennan County, we have more patients coming through our doors. *Through BCCS, our public education about the need for breast screening has reached far more people than before.* The BCCS grant enhances the Komen Foundation mammogram program by allowing us to serve more women, *more comprehensively.* The Komen grant targets women 40 and over while BCCS targets women age 50 and over for breast screening.

The Central Texas Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation held their 10th Annual Komen Race for the Cure in Waco on April 24. The race was once again a successful fundraising event and means that the women of Central Texas will continue to benefit from their good work.

THANK YOU, CENTRAL TEXAS AFFILIATE OF THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION!

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