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## St. Mary-Corwin Hospital honors Breast Cancer Awareness Month with special events for patients and survivors

PBS feature, bra fittings and oil changes part of the month-long observance

(PUEBLO, COLO.) While cancer care has been top priority at St. Mary-Corwin for the past 45 years, Breast Cancer Awareness Month allows our teams to focus on our amazing patients and celebrate the survivors. It's also a time to raise awareness about the importance of breast cancer screenings, learning more about the symptoms of breast cancer and how to make healthy decisions to prevent this type of cancer.

"Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a good time to schedule your annual mammogram. We encourage women to call and make an appointment with our mammography department at our breast center of excellence at SMC or at our Pueblo West Clinic," said Mary Goldbach, Director, Oncology Service Line and Breast Center at SMC. "Early detection saves lives. About 85% of breast cancers occur in women who have no family history of breast cancer."

The breast cancer specialists at SMC have coordinated a variety of events and partnerships within the community to make this a special time for our patients.

- **Oct. 11** The Dorcy Cancer Center at SMC has partnered with Tracey's Boutique in Colorado Springs to provide fittings for breast prosthetics and bras at the center. Clients will have one-on-one time with a certified breast fitter who will help guide them through the prosthetic process. To learn more or reserve your spot for the fitting, please contact: Barbara Young, Breast Care Nurse Navigator by calling 719-557-4301 or emailing barbarayoung@centura.org.
- Oct. 27 "Changing for the Cure" will offer free oil changes to the first 20 breast cancer patients who call Jeremey's Garage at 719-547-2450 and make an appointment for an oil change on Oct. 27. Change for the Cure will be offered on Oct. 27 from 12 to 4 p.m. at Jeremy's Garage appointments are on a first come, first serve basis.

In addition to the events mentioned above, the Breast Cancer Resource Center and boutique at SMC were recently featured in the Rocky Mountain PBS 'Colorado Voices' series. Watch the feature here.

In the past three years, the compassionate team at SMC has performed close to 37,000 mammograms. From screening and diagnosis to treatment and counseling, our program is specifically designed to meet the needs of patients with breast problems, breast cancer, or general concerns about breast health.

To schedule your mammogram at the breast center of excellence, call 719-557-4444. To schedule your mammogram at the Breast Cancer Clinic at Pueblo West, call 719-557-4444 option 1.

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