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MCHD to work with Project Faith on breast cancer screenings

MOBILE, Alabama — Family Health, the primary care division of the Mobile County Health Department (MCHD), is joining with Project Faith and USA Children’s & Women’s Hospital in a special venture. Free clinical breast exams to the underserved community will be available at USA Children’s & Women’s Hospital (1700 Center Street) on Feb. 17, June 16 and Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Family Health’s Mobile Medical Unit will be used to provide the services. The MMU — a community health center on wheels — features two exam rooms and is used at community outreaches for those who might not otherwise be able to travel to MCHD for care.

MCHD currently works with the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (ABCCEDP) to provide free breast and cervical cancer screenings for women who meet eligibility guidelines. To be eligible for free services, patients must be women who are uninsured or underinsured, ages 40 to 64, and with an income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Brenda Rocker, the founder of Project Faith’s Breast Cancer Intervention Program, said their mission is to empower women with the knowledge and wisdom on how to live and maintain a quality and healthy lifestyle through early detection of breast cancer. Project Faith assists underserved women with affordable breast health care who are low-income and who are uninsured and/or underinsured.

For those women under 40 with problems, if qualified, Project Faith would cover the cost of their mammogram screenings. Project Faith funds mammogram screenings. Proof of income and Social Security Number is required to receive assistance.

“The objective is to increase the number of underserved from every ethnic group in Mobile County participating in early detection of breast cancer,” Rocker said. “Our goal is to fund as many underserved women and men who are at-risk of developing breast cancer. Project Faith and USA Children’s & Women’s have raised money for mammograms and would simply like to utilize these donations.”

In the past, Project Faith has partnered with MCHD and Victory Health Partners for affordable clinical breast exams for early detection of breast cancer. Project Faith has also partnered with USA Children’s and Women’s Hospital Breast Center/ABCCEDP and Suburban Radiology for affordable mammogram screenings for those aged 20 to 64 years.

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