

‘Brake for Breakfast’ at Good Samaritan North Health Center Encourages Women to Get Mammograms

Program by Good Samaritan Hospital-Dayton Provides Free Breakfast to Commuters for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

DAYTON, OHIO, October 19, 2009 – The Good Samaritan Hospital Samaritan Breast Center is celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encouraging women to get mammograms with a “Brake for Breakfast” event on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

During the morning commute, Good Samaritan will be offering a free breakfast – while supplies last – to women who drive through the “Brake for Breakfast,” being held at the 8900 N. Main Street parking lot next to Good Samaritan North Health Center in Englewood. A team of volunteers will be on hand to pass out goodies from the Samaritan Breast Center and a free breakfast to go – drivers won’t even have to leave their cars to participate.

“Our goal is to encourage women 40 and older to get their annual mammograms and tell their mothers, sisters and daughters to do the same,” said Dr. Thomas Heck, co-medical director of the Samaritan Breast Center. “We see this event as a fun way to show women that taking care of their health should be part of their daily routine.”

Staffed with caring professionals and newly remodeled décor, the Samaritan Breast Center provides comprehensive, personalized services for breast health. The staff works closely with the Samaritan Cancer and Samaritan Surgery centers, which along with the Samaritan Breast Center are located at Good Samaritan North Health Center, offering free parking and convenient scheduling. Advanced imaging services available through the Samaritan Breast Center include digital mammography, breast-specific MRI, PET/CT scans, and ultrasound exams.

The Good Samaritan Hospital breast cancer program was the first in the nation to receive Gold Seal certification in breast cancer care from the Joint Commission Disease-Specific Certification Program. In addition, the Samaritan Breast Center is the only program in Dayton and one of only three in Ohio to have been granted full accreditation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, a program administered by the American College of Surgeons.

About Good Samaritan Hospital

Good Samaritan Hospital (www.goodsamdayton.org) is a leading provider of innovative health-care services in Dayton, Ohio. The 600-bed hospital is a full-service teaching facility that delivers best-in-care cardiovascular, cancer, and orthopedic services, as well as advanced diagnostics and women's health services. It delivers the latest in outpatient treatment, rehabilitation and other services through its Good Samaritan North Health Center. The hospital has been awarded seven gold seal certifications from the Joint Commission – more than any hospital in Ohio – for its outstanding programs, including for heart failure, heart attack, coronary artery bypass surgery, breast cancer, total hip and knee replacement, and stroke care. Good Samaritan is a recipient of the HealthGrades 2009 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, which places it among the top five percent of hospitals nationwide, and the hospital has been ranked by HealthGrades as number one in the state for vascular surgery and number one in Dayton for joint replacement surgery. These recognitions reflect the strength and talent of its staff of 600 physicians and 3,300 employees who are committed to excellence and to building a healthier community. Good Samaritan Hospital, along with Miami Valley Hospital, Atrium Medical Center and Upper Valley Medical Center, is a member of the Premier Health Partners system.

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