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Free Women's Health Screening

BREMERTON --- The Kitsap County Health District has received funding from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation to bring a free one-day Women's Health Screening event to Kitsap County on October 31, 2008. A breast and cervical health screening, which includes a mammogram and Pap test, will be offered for free to women between the ages of 40 and 64, who are uninsured or with limited insurance, or who have no or limited income.

The screening event is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the South Kitsap Helpline parking lot, 1351 Bay Street, in Port Orchard. Exams will be conducted in the Swedish Hospital Breast Care Express, a full-service, self-contained, 64-foot mammography unit and women's preventive exam clinic on wheels. Child care will be provided during the exam, and a variety of health resources will be available.

Anyone interested in receiving a free screening is encouraged to make an appointment by calling (360) 874-5580 or (360) 874-5581. Space is limited, so appointments should be made as soon as possible prior to the event.

Early detection is the key to preventing breast and cervical cancer. The District is committed to ensuring all women, regardless of income or insurance coverage, have an equal opportunity for preventive screening to avoid problems later in life.

The event is a collaborative effort between the Kitsap County Health District, South Kitsap Foodline, Peninsula Community Health Services, Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, and Swedish Hospital. For more information, contact Pat Degracia at (360) 337-5234.

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