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Free Women's Health Screening Scheduled for October 3rd

BREMERTON, WA --- Peninsula Community Health Services and Kitsap County Health District will collaborate to bring a free one-day Women's Health Screening event to Kitsap County on Saturday October 3, 2009. The event is a partnership with Soroptimist International - Port Orchard Chapter. A free breast and cervical health screening, which includes a mammogram and Pap test, will be offered 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, Port Orchard, WA. 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 Peninsula Community Health Services at (360) 874-5598 and asking for "Patient Resources". 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 joint efforts of Peninsula Community Health Services, Kitsap County Health District, Soroptimist International - Port Orchard Chapter, and Swedish Hospital are committed to ensuring all women, regardless of income or insurance coverage, have an equal opportunity for preventive screening to avoid problems later in life.

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