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Enumclaw Regional Healthcare Foundation makes record donation of \$496,000 to bring digital mammography to Enumclaw Regional Hospital

Enumclaw, Wash. – Enumclaw Regional Healthcare Foundation announced a record donation of nearly a half-million dollars to Enumclaw Regional Hospital to purchase digital mammography technology to help fight breast cancer.

“Our goal is to increase the health of our community and digital mammography will help local physicians better detect and treat breast cancer,” explained Alan Predmore, President of the Foundation Board of Trustees. “Because one in eight women will get breast cancer, we felt this was a critical investment that would save lives.”

Digital mammography, a form of breast X-ray, is the gold standard for breast cancer detection. It uses the same technique as film screen mammography, except that the image is recorded directly into a computer. The image can then be enlarged or highlighted, which allows the radiologist who reads the X-ray to better see abnormalities in the tissue.

“We are delighted to be able to get this equipment, said David Rice, MD, Medical Director for diagnostic imaging at Enumclaw Regional Hospital. “This will allow women to receive the absolutely most accurate mammograph possible without leaving their community.”

Enumclaw Regional Healthcare Foundation, formerly Enumclaw Hospital Foundation, has been a long-time supporter of the Hospital. The Foundation recently expanded its giving to other community health efforts. Since its founding in 1982, the Foundation has made more than \$2.3 million in contributions to health causes on the greater Plateau.

Enumclaw Regional Hospital, a part of Franciscan Health System, offers comprehensive imaging services, 24-hour emergency care, and surgical, medical and maternity services to more than 35,000 patients each year. The hospital will be breaking ground on a completely new facility this fall.

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