



**Final Report to the
West Virginia Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®**

Project Title: Circle of HOPE

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Objective 1: Provide 25 sites and 10 homes where information on breast health is available in communities. We hosted 39 Circle of HOPE meetings where 467 women and men received education on women's breast health, importance of clinical breast examinations, and mammograms, literature, and information about referral programs. We completed in-home education sessions to 55 women reviewing the same information provided through the Circle of HOPE meetings. In addition to the Circle of HOPE meeting, the contract worker attended 9 additional community events where 938 individuals had opportunity to look at literature on breast health and ask questions or sign up for a Circle of HOPE or in-home meeting. Volunteers throughout the county provided October awareness activities.

Objective 2: Provide location for 40 women to receive clinical breast examinations. Through the four clinical breast examination dates, 40 women received their examinations. Twenty women were referred for mammograms through the Health Department or BCCSP.

Objective 3: Provide mammogram certificates to 10 women without insurance or high deductibles or co-pays. The Circle of HOPE program offered 11 certificates however one individual found out that she was pregnant and did not use the certificate and one individual was too young and was refused use of the certificate. There were 9 mammograms certificates used and of those two women had to have additional tests. Five women were referred for additional diagnostic testing and fortunately there were no cancers detected.

Objective 4: Provide opportunity for participants to reflect and celebrate breast health, survivorship and milestones. There were 30 individuals participate in the annual celebration event. During the year we found that a long-time breast cancer survivor and former spokesperson at an event was in the final stages of breast cancer and succumbed to the disease. While an emotional loss, below are some comments that the contractor for this initiative provided to us.

“What can I say about this year of teaching Breast Cancer Education? It has been wonderful. I have met wonderful ladies and they have fulfilled my life. They are so eager to learn and take charge of their health. With this grant I am able to go to them and make them aware of who they are and how important it is to put themselves first when it comes to their health. Women in our county are always more concerned about taking care of others. I always make a point to tell them if they do not take care of their medical needs then they will not be able to take care of others. When I have a lady come back and tell me you may have saved my life, it makes chills go all over my body. It is with the Komen grant that we are able to help and hear such heart-warming stories.

We have helped all ages of women, and that brings so much gratitude to me, because some of the young ladies have told me, there was no one out there to help them. One story in particular was a nineteen year old who had multiple lumps in her breast, no help to be found. She attended one of our outreach CBE dates, and we got the ball rolling. She had to have ultrasounds, diagnostic testing and surgery, thank God no cancer. But, can you imagine being nineteen, being so scared and nowhere to turn, but Komen was there to help. With the cooperation of our Health Department and Komen we made sure this young lady had the best of care. This is just one story I could go on and on. This grant had been a huge help to our county. We have been able to go into the hollows and ridges and bring the ladies out to CBE dates that probably would have never had a mammogram. We are so very thankful to be a part of such a great organization, and most of all to know we are making a difference.”

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The Health Department assisted by completing the final CBE dates utilizing their staff as well as the contracted PA.

BCCSP contributed staff time at the CBE date as well. They are available to complete referrals for their programs if the qualifiers are present.

Bonnie’s Bus staff met with the partners to plan a June event at the Wal-Mart in McDowell County.

Project Materials:

All materials purchased through Susan G. Komen for the Cure: Shop Komen.

- General Audience: Breast Health Bookmark
- African American Breast Self-Awareness Card
- African American Breast Health Bookmark
- Breast Health: What Every Woman Should Know
- Breast Health: Learn the Facts Brochure