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Mobile Mammography Unit at Center for Older Adults

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DELAWARE, Oh., August 5, 2010 – On August 23, 2010, the Mobile Mammography Unit will be coming to the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Road, Delaware. The Delaware General Health District is taking appointments for this event.

Delaware County women had higher breast cancer incidence and death rates than the statewide average in 2002-2006. Early detection through a mammogram can save a woman's life. The screening process is recommended annually for women 40 and older.

The Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute's mobile mammography screening unit will visit the Center for Older Adults of Delaware County on August 23. A limited number of appointments remain available.

Appointments also are being taken for the mammography unit's visits coming up on October 18 and December 16 at Buehler's Food Market. Appointments can be made by phoning the Delaware General Health District clinic at 740-203-2040.

Mammograms are performed in the mobile unit in private by specially trained female technologists and interpreted by board-certified expert radiologists. The screening process takes about 10 minutes. Medicare and most insurance plans cover the cost of the service. If Medicare or insurance is not available, please phone the Health district clinic for other assistance in accessing a mammogram. Women without insurance coverage who wish to pay privately will need to provide \$95 at the time of their appointment.

Mammograms can detect breast lumps years before they can be found by self-examination. According to the American Cancer Society, at least 90 percent of breast cancers detected in the early stages can be treated successfully.

Please call the Delaware General Health District at 740-203-2040 to schedule an appointment or for more information.