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North Valley Hospital Seeks Volunteers to Help Secure Advanced Breast Cancer Screening Equipment

The North Valley Hospital Foundation is seeking volunteers to assist in a project to secure specialized 3D breast cancer screening equipment for North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. A Digital Breast Tomosynthesis (DBT) support team will promote the project, and volunteers who have any personal connection to detecting breast cancer early and increasing accuracy of screenings are welcome to join the planning team. Volunteers can contribute a wide variety of skills and talents to the project as exact needs are determined.

Dr. Melissa Hulvat of the Bass Breast Center at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and Dr. Amanda Beer of Northwest Imaging in Kalispell are the physician champions supporting the efforts. Dr. Beer explained the importance of the updated screening technology from a professional standpoint stating, “As a Breast Imaging Radiologist, it is incredibly satisfying to know that with this technology, I can save more lives from breast cancer while also reducing anxiety by bringing back fewer women for unnecessary extra tests.”

Team meetings will be every two weeks throughout the summer starting on Wednesday, May 31st and the North Valley Hospital Foundation will work individually with volunteers to find the best focus for each person. Volunteers will help develop creative ways to thank donors, organize special events in the community and the hospital, brainstorm fundraising strategies, and complete other tasks as needed. Please consider joining this effort to support improved screening for breast cancer that will be available to all women in the North Valley Hospital service area. For more information, please call Pam Ellis, North Valley Hospital Foundation Executive Assistant, at (406) 863-3630 or Alan Satterlee, North Valley Hospital Foundation Executive Director, at (406) 863-3560 or email foundation@nvhosp.org.

About North Valley Hospital:

North Valley Hospital is a private 501©(3), non-profit community Critical Access hospital governed by a volunteer Board of Directors from the North Valley area. North Valley Hospital is the first hospital in Montana to be affiliated with Planetree. Planetree is a non-profit organization that provides education and information in a collaborative community of healthcare organizations, facilitating efforts to create patient centered care in healing environments. North Valley Hospital receives no tax support for its services. The hospital and its affiliate clinics serve Flathead and Lincoln counties. North Valley Hospital is an affiliate of the Kalispell Regional Healthcare System.

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