

Memorial Health Care System

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Chattanooga Affiliate Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Awards Grants to Memorial

Chattanooga, TN – The Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation awarded four grants to Memorial Health Care System totaling more than \$87,000.

- Lymphedema Treatment Assistance – The foundation awarded \$14,500 to Memorial to provide support for women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. The MaryEllen Locher Breast Center has dedicated itself to providing support every step of the way beginning with education and a review of the lymphatic system and signs and symptoms of lymphedema. The MaryEllen Locher Breast Center also provides assistance with the garments necessary for lymphedema patients who do not have insurance and would be burdened by purchasing them.
- Access to Mammograms – More than \$52,600 was awarded to help provide access to mammograms. The grant will help fund Memorial's Mobile Coach outreach breast health education program which provides mammograms for insured and uninsured women.
- Breast Health Day – A grant totaling \$20,000 will help fund a series of breast health educational programs and mammogram screenings to diverse populations with sensitive language and cultural concerns.

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Memorial Health Care System is a not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to the healing ministry of the Church. Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and strengthened as part of Catholic Health Initiatives, it offers a continuum of care including preventative, primary and acute hospital care, as well as cancer and cardiac care, orthopedic and rehabilitation services. Memorial is a regional referral center of choice with 4,000 associates and more than 700 affiliated physicians providing health care throughout Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia. Memorial Health Care System is recognized as one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® by Thomson Reuters, the health care industry's leading source of information on hospital quality. To learn more, visit www.memorial.org.