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JFL Receives Grant From American Cancer Society To Provide Free Mammogram Screenings On First-Come, First-Serve Basis

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ST. CROIX – The Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center (J.F.L.) issued a release on Wednesday announcing that a grant from the American Cancer Society (A.C.S.) has made it possible for the hospital to provide free mammogram screenings for 100 uninsured women on St. Croix, in October, in honor of breast cancer awareness month.

According to the release, Dyma Williams, J.F.L. acting C.E.O. advised the public that for the month of October the hospital will be providing free screening mammograms for 100 uninsured women on the island of St. Croix who have not had a mammogram in the last

twelve months.

In order to register for an appointment, qualified applicants must apply in person at J.F.L.'s main lobby between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon from September 23 to October 4.

The first 100 qualifying women will be selected, and an appointment will be scheduled by the hospital. The initiative is being offered on a first-come-first-serve basis, the release specified.

Applicants will be required to provide the following information: name, age (must be 40 years old or older), address, contact number, proof of income or prior year tax return (must be below 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline), and the name of their physician of choice.

Ms. Williams, a breast cancer survivor, said, "As a 10-year breast cancer survivor, early detection saved my life. At J.F.L. we are committed to promoting breast cancer early detection, education and support services. We are grateful for the partnership of the A.C.S., which allows us to provide assistance to women who may be unable to afford the costs of the most important factor in breast cancer treatment, early detection."

One in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. It is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women. Early detection saves lives.