



## News Release

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### **CentraState receives grant for Hispanic/Latino breast health education programs**

**FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP**—CentraState Healthcare System has secured a \$22,500 grant from the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast health education programs for underserved populations. The funding will support CentraState’s goal of increasing the number of uninsured Hispanic/Latino women who receive annual screenings and comprehensive breast health education. CentraState is the only Monmouth County recipient of a 2006 Susan G. Komen Foundation community-based Screening, Treatment, and Education Programs (STEP) grant.

“The number of available breast health screening services in Monmouth County is increasingly limited; however, the number of Hispanic/Latino women in the county – many of whom lack health insurance – has increased exponentially,” says Mandi Wortman, director, Radiology Services. “These funds will help us to reach out to this population, educate them, and facilitate their access to screening services.”

The grant will help underwrite the cost of a collaborative education and screening program by CentraState’s Family Medicine Center (FMC) and Women’s Health Center during National Breast Health Awareness Month in October 2006. As part of the program, a certified breast health specialist will be on-site at the FMC during October to provide health education services. Informational materials in Spanish will be available, and Spanish-speaking FMC staff will provide translation services and help women 35 years and older schedule appointments for free screening mammograms at the Women’s Health Center.

The Family Medicine Center is located at 1001 West Main St., Freehold, about a quarter-mile west of CentraState Medical Center. The phone number is (732) 294-2540.

CentraState Healthcare System is a non-profit community health organization consisting of an acute-care hospital, three senior living centers, a health education and activities center, a family medicine residency program, and a charitable foundation. It is a member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health Network and a clinical research affiliate of The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center.

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