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Every Woman's Life Program Offers Free Cancer Screening Services
Grant to Rappahannock Area Health District will Help Fund Outreach

(FREDERICKSBURG, Va.) — The Joe and Mary Wilson Community Benefit Fund of Mary Washington Hospital Foundation recently awarded the Rappahannock Area Health District (RAHD) a 12-month, \$15,972 grant for its Every Woman's Life (EWL) Program to increase awareness of the life-saving benefits of early detection of breast and cervical cancer. The EWL program is a public health initiative that helps uninsured, low-income women access free breast and cervical cancer screening services. Screening and early detection reduce death rates, improve treatment options and generally increase survival.

The EWL program is subsidized through federal and state grants. It provides essential breast and cervical cancer screenings to women who otherwise could not afford them. The recent grant award provides funding for an EWL Outreach Worker who promotes awareness about the program and increases the number of women who receive screenings. The Mary Washington Hospital Foundation and the Rappahannock Area Health District have enjoyed a successful collaborative relationship through the EWL Program for many years.

For more information about EWL, visit the Virginia Department of Health website at www.vdh.virginia.gov/every-womans-life/. To find the nearest screening location, call EWL's toll-free referral line at 1-866-EWL-4YOU (1-866-395-4968) or 1-804-864-8204. For more information about EWL at the Rappahannock Area Health District, contact EWL Coordinator Michelle Clayton, BSN, RN at 540-322-5953.

The Rappahannock Area Health District serves residents of the city of Fredericksburg, and Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George and Caroline counties. To learn more about RAHD programs and services, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/rappahannock/.

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