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## Susan G. Komen Phoenix Affiliate Awards Grant to YRMC

*Komen Leaders Also Tour YRMC BreastCare Center*

Yavapai Regional Medical Center (YRMC) recently was awarded a grant of nearly \$19,000 from the Susan G. Komen Phoenix Affiliate. The grant will help treat low and middle-income women suffering from lymphedema, a painful condition that can occur as a result of cancer or cancer treatment, such as mastectomy, radiation therapy or chemotherapy.

“We’re looking forward to partnering with Susan G. Komen Phoenix Affiliate on this extremely important effort,” said Tim Barnett, YRMC’s President and CEO. “Together, we’ll reach more women in our community to help alleviate the pain and discomfort of lymphedema.”

Quad City residents are fortunate that YRMC’s Donna Hannah, OTR/L, CLT-LANA, the only lymphedema therapist serving Yavapai County, has reached the highest level of accreditation in this specialized area. Lymphedema services are critical to women with breast cancer. Lymphedema—swelling in the arms or legs—affects approximately 40 percent of women who have breast cancer or certain gynecological conditions.

During a recent tour of The BreastCare Center at YRMC, which is scheduled to open in October, Komen Phoenix leaders also learned about key medical services the Center will provide, including:

- Digital Mammography;
- Breast Ultrasound; and
- Stereotactic Biopsy.

In addition to these high-quality diagnostic and clinical services, The BreastCare Center at YRMC will serve as a resource to the community. The Center will include a library with wireless Internet access for patients and community members.

The BreastCare Center at YRMC will also be one of only 14 healthcare facilities in Arizona with a “clinical navigator.” Accomplished oncology nurse, Nancy K. Ledoyen RN, BSN, OCN, will serve in that role at The BreastCare Center at YRMC. She will guide, educate and counsel patients and their families as they make their way through all phases of care. She will also work in the community to build awareness about cancer prevention.

“We’re extremely excited about the Komen Phoenix partnership,” Barnett said. “Their local vision of empowering Arizonans to conquer breast cancer complements the vision for The BreastCare Center at YRMC. That vision was inspired by an anonymous donor, whose generous contribution is helping to make the Center a reality.”

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