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### **Free Breast Cancer Screenings at Aurora Medical Center**

(Washington, NC) – The Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center and Aurora Medical Center, both subsidiaries of Beaufort Regional Health System, will offer free breast cancer screenings Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The screening will be held at Aurora Medical Center located at 151 Third Street in Aurora. Dr. Jennie Crews and Dr. Jack Callahan will participate in the screenings. Free breast cancer awareness materials will be provided. The free screenings are available through the support of the Shepard Cancer Foundation.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month – the month dedicated to educating women about breast cancer by stressing the importance of early detection through regular self-breast exams and mammography.

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. The chance of a woman developing invasive breast cancer at some point during her lifetime is about 1 in 8 and the chance of dying from breast cancer is about 1 in 35. Breast cancer death rates are going down, which is probably the result of finding the cancer earlier and improved treatment. At this time there are about two and a half million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

To make an appointment for the screening, please call Lifestyles Medical Fitness Center at 975-4236.

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