



Proceeds benefit Gwinnett Medical Center Foundation's Project PATH, GMC's vision for the future - Breast Cancer Initiatives

Proceeds from the **2009 Brighter Smiles for Brighter Futures** campaign will be used to purchase an ultrasound machines that will be housed in the new Women's Imaging Center that will open at Gwinnett Medical Center in Lawrenceville in early 2010.

The purpose of this center is to provide all breast imaging services in one central location on the Lawrenceville campus. This project will not only add services to the Lawrenceville campus for breast cancer detection but will enhance the physical surroundings to provide a calming, relaxing atmosphere. The experience for a woman visiting this center can be very stressful as the findings from a diagnostic mammogram, ultrasound or biopsy can mean a cancer diagnosis.



The Center for Women's Services will house the following;

- An expanded Center for Screening Mammography
- An expanded Center for Diagnostic Mammography
- Retail Shop offering wigs and prosthetics
- Resource Center with breast cancer related reading material, including the Breast Cancer Treatment Handbook that's given to each woman diagnosed with breast cancer at GMC.
- Cancer Navigator
- Pet CT and MRI
- Operating Rooms dedicated to breast surgeries
- Physician offices including Oncologists and Surgeons.

As our community keeps growing, the need for women's imaging services continues to exceed the current Gwinnett Health System service capacity. The better access our patients have to these important services comes earlier the detection of breast cancer which allows for an accelerated intervention, resulting in a greater chance of survival for the patient.

Gwinnett Medical Center, system-wide, performs more than 50,000 screening mammograms and approximately 23,000 diagnostic mammograms per year; however, with this expanded center, GMC could potentially reach many more patients who need these important services. With better access to mammograms, patients who are diagnosed early have an increased chance for a cure.

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