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**OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH  
Westchester women receiving enhanced screening services**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and, thanks to a grant from the Komen Foundation, Westchester women are receiving enhanced screening services this year.

The Westchester County Department of Health is one of 24 programs statewide that received a 2006 STEP grant from the Greater New York Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Selection was through a competitive process and approximately one-third of applications were selected for funding. The funding is for the period April 2006 through March 2007.

STEP stands for Screening, Treatment and Education Programs. The Foundation's STEP grant is intended to fund programs that work to combat breast cancer. Grant funds will be used by the Westchester County Health Department to expand the nurse care component of its Cancer Services Program for women who receive breast cancer screening and diagnostic services through partner organizations.

"Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths, after lung cancer, among women," said Joshua Lipsman, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., Commissioner of Health for Westchester County. "This money will be put to good use in preventing, identifying and treating breast cancer among Westchester residents."

The Westchester County Health Department coordinates the Healthy Living Partnership of Westchester County, which provides thousands of mammograms and clinical breast examinations to medically underserved women each year. The program also provides training for breast self-examinations and works to educate all residents on the need for regular screening.

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The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 to eradicate breast cancer through research, education, screening and treatment. The Foundation is a global leader in the fight against breast cancer and is the largest private source of funding for the cause.

For more information, please call the Westchester County Health Department at (914) 813-5000 or visit the Health Department website at [www.westchestergov.com](http://www.westchestergov.com).

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