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## **Health Department's Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program receives grant from Charlevoix County Community Foundation**

CHARLEVOIX-The Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently awarded the Health Department of Northwest Michigan a \$2000 grant, for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BCCCNP) media campaign. The money was raised by participants in the Charlevoix Mother's Day Walk/Run/Cure event.

"The Health Department is grateful to receive this grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation," said Joy Klooster, BCCCNP Coordinator at the Health Department. "We are so glad the Foundation continues to recognize our services as important for our community. With this funding, we are able to reach many members of our community that may be eligible for our program."

BCCCNP provides breast and cervical screenings at no cost to uninsured and under-insured women ages 40-64 who fall within certain annual income guidelines. Clients younger than 40 years old may also benefit from the program if they have abnormal screening results. The program offers clinical breast exams, Pap smears, pelvic exams, and mammograms, as well as referrals to area healthcare providers for follow-up of abnormalities. If additional treatment is necessary, women may be eligible for Medicaid coverage through the Medical Treatment Act.

Our motto is "Every Woman. Every Year." Klooster said, "Women should be screened for cancer every year in order to catch breast or cervical cancer as soon as possible. When caught early, treatment is generally less expensive and the success rates are more favorable."

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.

Appointments or referrals are available at the Health Department, located at 220 W. Garfield. To learn more about BCCCNP, call (800) 432-4121 or visit [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org)