Ten Years On the Road!

2018 marked the 10th year that Bonnie’s Bus has been on the road serving the women of West Virginia. In those 10 years:
- Bonnie’s Bus is honored to have screened three patients every year since the beginning.
- Four statewide breast cancer conferences have been held in Morgantown, WV.
- More than 1,500 patients have had their mammograms paid for through external funding sources like grants and donations.

Bonnie’s Bus Program is a partnership between the WVU Cancer Institute and WVU Medicine that began in 2009. Since that time, Bonnie’s Bus has provided more than 18,600 mammograms and found 87 cases of breast cancer.

Bonnie’s Story

The Bonnie’s Bus Program was established by a donation from Ben and Jo Statler to honor Jo’s mother, Bonnie Wells Wilson, who lived in a rural area of West Virginia with no access to screening mammography and died of breast cancer in 1992. Jo wanted to ensure that all West Virginia women have access to life-saving screening mammograms for early detection of breast cancer.

Bonnie’s Bus works with clinics, hospitals, businesses, community partners, and healthcare providers to coordinate visits and patient care each year. Women whose mammograms indicate a need for further diagnosis and treatment are referred back to their local physician and/or healthcare facilities for diagnostic evaluation.

In February 2018, Jenny Ostien was named the director of mobile screening at the WVU Cancer Institute. In this role, she works collaboratively with a statewide partnership of clinicians, public health professionals, women’s groups, and other community leaders to bring mobile cancer screening to areas where services are limited.
A few examples of kindness from friends new and old:

**Bonnie’s Bus staff and patients appreciate the support from schools, businesses, community groups, sporting organizations, and other across the state that donated to the Bus in 2018.**

**Bonnie’s Bus helped to navigate more than 97 women to the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program and 97 were enrolled for services.**

**Bonnie’s Bus received two grants to help provide mammograms to under- and uninsured women in West Virginia. The Bus received $5,000 from the American Breast Cancer Foundation and $25,000 from Medline.**

**The Pink Party annual fundraiser for Bonnie’s Bus raised more than $60,000 for operating expenses and mammography funding.**

Thank You

Bonnie’s Bus is not only a service to women, but also a wonderful example of community engagement, partnerships, and collaboration. Individuals and organizations from across the state volunteer their time and services, donate funds, and promote Bus’ visits.

Without the personal, monetary, and vocal support of individuals, communities, businesses, and organizations, Bonnie’s Bus would not be able to carry out its mission to ensure access to state-of-the-art breast cancer and other screenings for West Virginia women.

Quotes from the Community

The best thing about working with Bonnie’s Bus is the care and compassion that they show our patients, the time they take to talk with our patients, and the smiles of the staff. They are always available if there are questions or concerns.

– Janet Davis
Camden Family Health

Great care they give our mutual clients.

– Rebecca Atkinson
Hancock County Senior Service

For me the bus has been a blessing because for years I had no insurance but came here and felt completely at ease getting it done with no question. Thanks a bunch, Bonnie’s Bus, for all you do for ladies like me.

– KS

My cousin had breast cancer and had a mastectomy. I saw her journey through this, and I didn’t want to go through all she did if possible. She’s my inspiration. If she could go through what she did, I can stand the pain of a mammogram. Everyone was so friendly and made the experience a little better.

– AJ