20,000 Mammograms!

Bonnie’s Bus performed its 20,000th screening mammogram on August 2 during a visit to the Mineral County Health Department in Keyser, WV. This milestone highlights the importance of this service to so many women across the state.

“We are extremely proud to offer a program that has served so many patients across the state. It is humbling to think that many of these patients would not be able to have this screening without our program.” Jenny Ostien, director of mobile screening, said.

Wilma Salesky received the milestone mammogram during her first visit to Bonnie’s Bus.

Bonnie’s Story

Bonnie’s Bus 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.

Beyond Breast Cancer

In a state where travel to medical facilities presents barriers to care, Bonnie’s Bus works to promote overall health and reduce barriers to services beyond breast cancer. Some examples include:

- Giving flu shots at mammogram appointments
- Offering FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Test) kits for colorectal cancer screening
- Participating in a colorectal cancer blood test clinical trial

21,522 Mammograms Completed 2009-2019

- Discovered more than 20 new cases of breast cancer (113 overall)
- Completed 153 visits (1,246 overall)
- Traveled 16,695 miles (180,329 overall)

The Bonnie’s Bus Mobile Mammography Program is a partnership between the WVU Cancer Institute and WVU Medicine that began in 2009. Bonnie’s Bus has provided more than 21,500 screening mammograms and found more than 110 cases of breast cancer.
2019 - A year of milestones

- **20**
  The number of cancers identified as of January 14, 2020.

- **2,824**
  The number of screening mammograms performed in 2019. This is 90 more than the previous record.

- **20,000**
  The milestone number of screening mammograms since the start of the program.

- **$79,000**
  The amount raised at the Pink Party, an annual fundraiser supporting operating expenses and mammography funding.

Thank You

On behalf of our patients, we would like to thank our supporters for their time, talent, partnership, donations, and collaboration. Each year brings new opportunities and challenges that can only be faced through your continued support.

As we prepare for our twelfth year on the road, we plan to build upon our successes and hope to exceed last year’s record number of patients screened.

We remain committed to traveling to our most rural areas, providing high quality care, navigating women to local providers when needed, and identifying ways we can better serve the people of WV.

Community Highlights

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Serving WV Women

Each dot represents a Bonnie’s Bus site visit in 2019.

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