

MamCam: Bringing Mammography Closer to Home

Kemptville District Hospital has been serving the communities of North Grenville and West Ottawa for 50 years. Our Hospital was built by the local communities and we have always felt that we have a responsibility to provide the services most needed by our residents.

Why Now?

There are almost 11,000 women aged between 50 and 69 years in our area who are eligible for mammography under the Ontario Breast Screening Program. Breast cancer rates are higher in North Grenville and Ottawa West; mortality rates are also higher in these areas.

We serve rural and semi-rural communities, with an increasingly aged population. Mammography services are not readily available, with the nearest unit over 30 minutes away. Public transit is limited: women who do not have access to a vehicle must depend on someone else to get them to and from the test. **Getting a mammogram, a simple screening test that can save a women's life, should not be this difficult.**

Partnering with the OBSP

With the higher breast cancer mortality rates in our region, Cancer Care Ontario agrees that we need to provide these services, which is why we have been approved as an official partner of the Ontario Breast Screening Program. **Mammography and access to the OBSP are starting at KDH in 2011.**

This means that the KDH Foundation needs your help now!

MamCam: Providing Care Close to Home

To provide mammography services close to home, we need your help to raise \$750,000 by 2012 to purchase this life-saving equipment.

Your donation will ensure that local women have access to mammography at KDH, access to a simple screening test that is proven to increase survival rates for breast cancer.

Your donation to the KDH Mammography Suite Campaign will help save lives.

"A mammography saved my life by catching my cancer in the early stages. A few minutes discomfort during a mammography is nothing compared to months of radiation and chemotherapy. KDH's patients are fortunate that this new service will be available so close to home". – Kerry, breast cancer survivor.