



United Medical Center To Host Breast Cancer Screening Event

WASHINGTON, DC (October 1, 2008) – As the country celebrates the great strides in breast cancer awareness and research this October, **United Medical Center** turns their focus on bringing these strides to the local DC community. On October 7th, United Medical Center plans to host **A Day for You: Bringing Breast Health to Your Community** in conjunction with their newfound partnership with the Breast Cancer Network of Strength.

From 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM, this community event provides tutorials and demonstrations on earlier detection methods for breast cancer and how to practice breast self-examination (BSE). In addition, onsite clinical breast examinations and mammograms will be performed throughout the day. For those unable to receive a mammogram during the event, a referral to a mammography facility will be provided. Childcare services will also be available for participating residents. If community members are lacking insurance, case workers will be available to assist by enrolling patients in the DC Healthcare Alliance Program.

This new partnership and event is testimony to the hospital's commitment to their surrounding community. "We are exploring several different strategic partnerships with pre-existing community organizations," says Director of Community Relations Calvin Smith. "By partnering with groups like Breast Cancer Network of Strength, we are able to bring programs such as these to the community we are here to serve. Our goal is to host community events such as these in our facility once a month, and hopefully through supportive non-profit groups, we will be able to deliver this to our residents."

For more information on the event, visit <http://www.networkofstrength.org/mid-atlantic/>.

About United Medical Center

United Medical Center (formerly known as Greater Southeast Community Hospital) has provided medical and community services to residents of the Washington metropolitan area since 1965. Under the leadership of Specialty Hospitals of America, LLC, United Medical Center is committed to its evolution into a full-service, state-of-the-art facility where physicians and staff provide expertise in medical and surgical specialties with the combined results of improved patient care and a sustainable business model.