Mobile breast cancer detection center targets employees

breast concer screening, women face a variety of difficulties.

Transportation is no longer one

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cöncer Institute has a mobile breast cancer detection center.

The unit is available to work sites, community and senior citizens' centers and churches throughout southeast Michigan, ollering screening, mammogra-phy, clinical breast examinations and breast self-examination in-struction, as well as educational

materials.

The \$300,000 wheelchair-accessible unit, one of only three in Michigan, can accommodate up to 20 patients per day and is accredited by the American College of Radiology.

Its purchase was made possible through the support of Kmart, Ford Motor Company, Master-Card and several private dona-

There are more than 22 million women age 40 and older in the American workforce; 81 percent of U.S. women age 40-65 are em-

ployed.

Breast cancer screening in the workplace not only promotes employee health, it also makes good business sense.

The 1990 estimated breast cancer coats borne by U.S. private industry employers and employees total more than 4.4 billion; including \$937 million for treatment coats; \$467 million for disability costs; and \$2.71 billion for disability costs; and

disease. While mobile mammography service may not impact the first number, it can make a significant difference in the second.

It is widely believed that breast cancer mortality could be reduced by 30 percent if all women followed the National Cancer Institute's acreoning guidelines, which include mammography, ellihed exams and BSE.

However, according to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Systems, a project of the Centers for Disease Control, and 15 percent — fewer than half — of Michigan women age 50 and over

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received screening mammography and clinical breast exams in 1992. While this figure is improving, it highlights a dramatic need in the community.

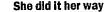
"Early detection is the key to improving breast cancer survival, but it won't work if we don't take advantage of it," said Dr. William P. Peters, the institute's presi-dent and CEO.

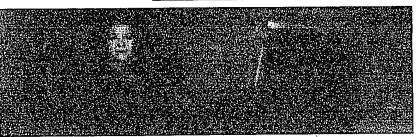
Peters said he is confident the new unit will help make current diagnostic technology, treatments and information available to ev-

The unit accepts all third-party insurance plans, Medicare, Medicaid and referrals from area health departments. The institute also operates atutionary detection centers in Berkley and Detroit.

The Barbara Ann Karmanes Cancer Institute Is one of 25 leading, nationally recognized cancer research, treatment, education and outreach centers with some 1,600 cancer-related employees and 3,500 volunteers based at 35 offices and sites.

It is supported by several area United Ways.





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