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## **RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL IMAGING DONATES \$10,000 TO STATE'S WOMEN'S CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM**

*Rhode Island Department of Health program provides breast and cervical cancer screenings and follow-up services to uninsured and underinsured*

PROVIDENCE, RI, October 7, 2020 – In honor of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, [Rhode Island Medical Imaging](#) (RIMI) has made a \$10,000 donation to the [Rhode Island Department of Health](#) (RIDOH) Women's Cancer Screening Program. The announcement was made during a ceremony held last week at RIMI's Johnston Breast Imaging Center site and included RIMI President John A. Pezzullo, MD, RIMI Chief Operating Officer, Clinical Operations Siobhain Sullivan, RIDOH Associate Director of Health Carol Hall-Walker, and RIDOH Women's Cancer Screening Program Manager Eric Lamy.

This donation will be used to help fund the clinical services that the Women's Cancer Screening Program offers to eligible Rhode Islanders. The Women's Cancer Screening Program is available to women who live in Rhode Island, whose household income level is less than 250% of the federal poverty level and either do not have health insurance or are underinsured (not being able to afford the co-pay, deductible, or out-of-pocket charges associated with these screenings and/or follow-up care).

"As an organization dedicated to the prevention, early detection and cure of these diseases, Rhode Island Medical Imaging is committed to making sure that all women in our state, regardless of their economic or health insurance status, have equal access to care," said Dr. Pezzullo. "If this donation makes a difference in just one life, we feel that is well worth the investment."

"We are so grateful for this donation from our partners who share RIDOH's commitment to ensuring that no one's ZIP code, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or level of income determines their health outcomes," said Director of Health Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD,

MPH. “Screening and early detection saves lives, and we want to ensure that all Rhode Islanders, both women and men, have a fighting chance against breast cancer. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a good reminder that you should talk to your doctor about getting screened.”

Dr. Alexander-Scott recorded [a video](#) to remind everyone of the importance of regular mammogram screenings, which save lives, and how strong partners, like RIMI, help make that possible.

The mission of the Women’s Cancer Screening Program is, “to reduce the number of cases and deaths due to breast and cervical cancer among women with limited access to healthcare.” Primary funding for the program comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP; [www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/)).

According to the CDC October 2018 report (five-year summary: January 2013 to December 2017), a total of 12,206 Rhode Island women were screened through the NBCCEDP program. ([www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/data/summaries/rhode\\_island.htm#cervical](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/data/summaries/rhode_island.htm#cervical))

For more information about the RIDOH Women’s Cancer Screening Program or to participate, visit [www.health.ri.gov/programs/womenscancerscreening/](http://www.health.ri.gov/programs/womenscancerscreening/) or call 401-222-4324.

### **About Rhode Island Medical Imaging**

Rhode Island Medical Imaging (RIMI) has a network of 12 private state-of-the-art medical diagnostic imaging facilities that are staffed by over 80 board certified radiologists with broad-based experience and subspecialty training in Bone Density (DEXA), Computed Tomography (CT), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) including the most extensive 3T MRI imaging network in Rhode Island, Mammography, Ultrasound, and X-ray.

RIMI radiologists perform and interpret imaging in Rhode Island at Hasbro Children’s Hospital, Miriam Hospital, Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Rhode Island Hospital, Roger Williams Medical Center, and Women & Infants Hospital, and most recently at Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro, MA. Most of RIMI’s radiologists are also faculty members at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University.

For over 75 years RIMI has provided Rhode Island with imaging excellence (since 1943). [rimirad.com](http://rimirad.com)

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*Left to right: RIMI President John A. Pezzullo, MD, RIMI Chief Operating Officer, Clinical Operations Siobhain Sullivan, RIDOH Associate Director of Health Carol Hall-Walker, and RIDOH Women's Cancer Screening Program Manager Eric Lamy.*