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St. Vincent Healthcare: Komen Foundation – Furthering Mobile Mission Montana American Indian Blessings Held for Mobile Mammography Coach

Billings, Montana, May 7, 2010 – The St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation announce today that it has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Susan G. Komen Foundation. This funding will specifically benefit underinsured and uninsured women ages 40-49, American Indian women of all ages, the area migrant population, and rural women needing first time digital mammography screenings.

The Susan G. Komen funding will assist in increasing the number of first time screenings delivered to rural locations with the new St. Vincent Healthcare Mobile Digital Mammography Coach. With the support of Susan G. Komen, the coach will travel the region to bring digital mammography access and convenience to women in rural Montana and northern Wyoming.

The coach has already begun filling health access gaps on American Indian reservations in our rural region. Because of this, American Indian Leaders also blessed the new St. Vincent Healthcare Mobile Mammography Coach today. Traditional Native blessings were preformed by both the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Tribes.

The Northern Cheyenne blessing was given by Charles Little Old Man. Little Old Man is the Spiritual and Ceremonial Advisor for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and is nationally recognized.

The Crow Tribe blessing was given by Dennis Beaumont. Beaumont is a well known rancher and cattle operator of Pryor, Montana. He was a Teacher at Plenty Coups High School and is on the Board of Regents at Little Big Horn College in Crow.

The St. Vincent Healthcare Mobile Mammography coach is a philanthropic mission of the St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation. To learn more about St. Vincent Healthcare's Mobile Mammography go to: www.svh-mt.org/driven.

To make an appointment call **406.237.4373**. To help further this philanthropic mission call the St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation at **237-3600**.

About St. Vincent Healthcare:

St. Vincent Healthcare is a comprehensive system of award-winning healthcare services located in Billings, Montana. St. Vincent is a regional destination hospital which serves a four-state area and more than 900,000 people each year. A comprehensive range of services include a Level II trauma Center, cardiothoracic and vascular medicine, comprehensive cancer services, family-centered maternal and child health – a Level III B NICU & Pediatric Intensive Care Unit – neurosurgery, orthopedics and the region's most advanced diagnostic services. St. Vincent Healthcare is part of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System. St. Vincent Healthcare's quality, mission-driven, charitable healthcare has been in existence for more than 110 years. To learn more about St. Vincent Healthcare, visit www.svh-mt.org.

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