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Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center Foundation receives \$10,000 gift for mammograms *Money will be used to provide mammograms for women who are uninsured or unable to pay for the screening*

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – The Becky Baker Foundation has donated \$10,000 to Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center Foundation to raise awareness of and encourage women to get annual mammograms.

The gift will be used to cover the cost of mammograms for women who are uninsured or are unable to pay for the breast cancer screening. Forsyth Medical Center’s breast center will provide the mammography screenings.

The Becky Baker Foundation honors Becky Baker, a resident of Clemmons who died in April after a long battle with breast cancer. Like many women, Baker never scheduled an annual mammogram for herself, even though she did have health insurance. In March 2013, she discovered a lump in her breast but chose not to visit a doctor due to fears that she might have cancer. When Baker finally saw a doctor about the lump in December 2013, she was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer.

Many women each year choose to delay having a mammogram screening. In fact, 33 percent of women have not had a mammogram in the past two years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“Screening mammography is essential for early detection of breast cancer,” said Kim Cannon, manager of Novant Health Breast Center. “Many women who are diagnosed have no known risk factors. Screening mammography, recommended annually starting at age 40 or younger if you are at high risk, is the best tool we have for early detection.”

Baker’s husband, Rick, started the foundation after her death to raise awareness of the importance of mammograms. To make a donation in Becky Baker’s memory to provide lifesaving mammograms, please visit SupportNovantHealth.org and select Forsyth Medical Center, or call Forsyth Medical Center Foundation at 336-718-2101.

About Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center Foundation

The philanthropic efforts of Novant Health’s foundations inspire giving that supports programs and initiatives having direct patient impact. Novant Health has 13 medical centers and 1,514 physicians in 529 locations, with a total of 25,276 team members and physician partners caring for patients and communities in North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina and Georgia.

Our regional foundations focus on critical needs in five areas: infants and children, cancer, heart and vascular, stroke and neurosciences, research, and education.

Through the generous support of individuals, families, companies and grant-making institutions, Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center Foundation supports Novant Health in its mission to improve the health of our communities, one person at a time.

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About Novant Health

Novant Health is an integrated network of physician clinics, outpatient facilities and hospitals that delivers a seamless and convenient healthcare experience to communities in Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia. Named in 2016 by *Becker's Hospital Review* as one of the nation's 150 best places to work in healthcare, Novant Health network consists of more than 1,500 physicians and over 26,000 employees that provide care at over 470 locations, including 14 medical centers and hundreds of outpatient facilities and physician clinics. Headquartered in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the health system serves more than 4.4 million patients annually and in 2016 provided more than \$725.5 million in [community benefit](#), including charity care and services. *Diversity MBA* has recognized the organization as one of the 50 best places for women and managers of diverse background to work and SK&A ranks Novant Health among the top 25 integrated health systems in the nation. Novant Health provides care in Virginia under the joint operating company, Novant Health UVA Health System.

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