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Free Assistance for Breast Cancer Screenings Available

Tyler, Texas (October 3, 2016) – The Northeast Texas Public Health District (NET Health) provides free assistance to women across East Texas who do not have health insurance and who need to have a regularly scheduled mammogram. The NET Health Center for Healthy Living is located at the intersection of Frankston Highway (US Highway 155 South) and Walton Road in southwest Tyler.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women. In 2016, the American Cancer Society estimates that 246,660 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 40,450 women will die from breast cancer nationwide. Early detection is key in preventing deaths due to breast cancer.

“The programs that we have at the Center for Healthy Living to provide free breast and cervical cancer screenings for uninsured or underinsured women are key in improving the health of east Texans,” George Roberts, Chief Executive Officer of NET Health, stated, “NET Health is committed to protecting our community through early detection of breast cancer through screening mammograms provided with the assistance of our community partners.”

The NET Health Center for Healthy Living provides cancer screening services for uninsured and underinsured women over the age of 40, or who have been referred to the Center for Healthy Living by their doctor, who can receive assistance through the Susan G. Komen Grant. NET Health also provides assistance with patient navigation for cervical cancer screenings (i.e., pap smears) to uninsured women over the age of 18 through the Texas Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program.

The NET Health Center for Healthy Living provides these free cancer support services every Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. For more details, call (903) 593 – 7474.

About the Northeast Texas Public Health District (NET Health)

As the local public health department for the City of Tyler and for Smith County, NET Health serves a vital function for our northeast Texas citizens with our Departments of Immunizations, Tuberculosis Control, Laboratory Services, Vital Statistics, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Disease Surveillance, Environmental Health, WIC (Women, Infants and Children) and Community Outreach.

NET Health was honored earlier this year with the Model Practice Award at the 2016 Annual Conference of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). “Fired Up For Prevention – The Center for Healthy Living” was one of 19 local health department programs to receive NACCHO’s prestigious Model Practice Award, which celebrates programs that demonstrate exemplary and replicable best practices in response to a critical local public health need.

The mission of NET Health is to promote health, prevent illness and protect our community.

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