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Tammy Walker Cancer Center receives American Cancer Society's Harold P. Freeman Service Award

(March 25, 2010) – The American Cancer Society has recognized the Tammy Walker Cancer Center at Salina Regional Health Center for its breast cancer outreach efforts in north central Kansas with the Harold P. Freeman Service Award. The award was developed by the ACS to honor individuals, groups, organizations, or companies who demonstrate exemplary achievement in the areas of saving lives, diminishing suffering or improving quality of life from cancer in underserved, at-risk communities.

The Tammy Walker Cancer Center was recognized for its AVON Breast Health Program, which provides clinical training and support to county health nurses in the 14-county Sunflower Health Network. The program also offers community education and referrals for low-cost or free mammograms to women with inadequate health insurance. In 2009 area professionals provided educational programs to more than 6,300 people and worked with nurses in 12 clinics in surrounding communities, that performed 1,197 breast exams and referred more than 951 women for free or low-cost mammograms.

This is the first time the award has been given in the state of Kansas.

“This award recognizes the hospital’s commitment to a program that has a long history of great results,” said Stephanie Weiter, ACS vice president of the High Plains Region. “The breast cancer outreach program is one of many programs at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center that provides great benefit to people in this area. It’s great to see them get this recognition and it’s well-deserved.”

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