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MCHC Offers Digital Mammography

Madelia, Minn. -- The Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic (MCHC) has begun providing the most up-to-date digital mammography in the region, featuring cutting-edge technology that offers the most comprehensive breast scans. The new Siemens advanced technology mammography machine replaced a mammography system that was at the end of its life. This digital radiography (DR) system is more accurate than conventional mammograms for women with dense or non-dense breasts, and it can detect breast cancer sooner.

One in ten women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. Early detection is vital. Screening can save the lives of countless women every year and the serious consequences of this disease can be avoided if discovered early enough.

“This technology enhances the clarity of the images and results in fewer unnecessary biopsies and recalls. It also reduces the patient radiation dose levels by up to 30%, which is better than any other machine currently on the market,” said Melissa Hunt, Radiology Department Manager.

Although the new system is installed and operational, MCHC is still fundraising to pay the \$212,000 price tag. “Purchasing new equipment at this time was a leap of faith. The old mammography machine had to be replaced, so we decided to make this investment. We are confident this community will come together and financially support the acquisition of state-of-the-art mammography equipment. This equipment allows us to continue to provide this essential service close to home,” said Bruce Taylor, MCHC Foundation Executive Director.

If you would like to contribute to this cause, make donations to the Madelia Community Hospital Foundation with the notation “3-D mammography” or give online via the GiveMN website (www.GiveMN.org). Search for “Not Your Mamma’s Mammo” in the “find a cause” box.

The American Cancer Society recommends that women have yearly mammograms starting at age 40 and continuing for as long as a woman is in good health. These guidelines can vary depending on family history, genetic tendency or certain other factors. Check with your provider to see what is recommended for your situation.

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Pictured left to right are Radiologic Technologists, Heather Simpson and Melissa Hunt.

About Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic

Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic is an independent, nonprofit facility staffed by a team of medical professionals that are committed to providing health care of the highest standards to patients in the Madelia area. As a 25-bed acute care hospital, we offer all of the primary health services: Laboratory, Radiology, Physical Therapy, Home Care, Emergency Room/Urgent Care, and Surgical Care. Our attached family medical clinic also provides care for patients in all the seasons of their life. Over the years, we have proactively responded to the changing demands within the health care industry, which has ensured our ability to deliver up-to-date medical services, purchase advanced medical equipment, and provide complete and compassionate care to all who enter our facility.