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Grant will fund testing for low-income women

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The Volunteers in Medicine clinic in Bloomington is providing free breast cancer testing for eligible females, thanks to funding through a Wabash Valley Susan G. Komen grant and Bloomington's Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

"We have been receiving money from the Susan G. Komen grant since early 2007 and have provided hundreds of mammogram screens over the last two and a half years," said Elizabeth Sturgeon, the clinic's executive director.

In the past six months, Volunteers in Medicine has referred 93 patients to Southern Indiana Radiology for either mammogram or ultrasound testing. To be eligible for the program, patients must be low-income and not be receiving services under the state's Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.

"Many of our patients have never had a mammogram or have waited several years to have one due to the expense of having a mammogram performed," Sturgeon said. "The funding we have received has allowed us to provide this much needed service."

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