

The McLeod Foundation News

McLeod Cancer Center for Treatment and Research

McLeod Health will now have exciting new technology for early detection of Breast Cancer

October 2009

Recently, the Board of Trustees of the McLeod Foundation approved a funding request for a new piece of equipment that will benefit patients in our region. Proceeds from this year's *An Evening of Hope* Cancer Benefit Dinner as well as other gifts that support the McLeod Cancer Center for Treatment and Research will be used to fund this project.

This new piece of technology is called a Dedicated Breast MRI Biopsy Table and it costs \$194,400. Breast MRI has the highest sensitivity for early detection of breast cancer in high risk patient groups. This biopsy table will allow for a customized exam that performs more accurate biopsies by permitting access to every quadrant of the breast. This addition to the McLeod Breast Health Program will improve diagnosis, provide access to better treatment options locally and possibly increase survival for cancer patients by detecting cancer at an earlier, more treatable stage. McLeod Health will be the fourth hospital in the state to offer this cutting edge technology ensuring that McLeod remains on the forefront in cancer care. The Breast MRI Biopsy Table will be in use by October of 2009.



Sentinelle Vangaurd® G-Series
The Next Generation
in Breast MRI

The Tenth Annual *An Evening of Hope* Cancer Benefit Dinner



The Tenth Annual *An Evening of Hope* Cancer Benefit Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at the Country Club of South Carolina in Florence. The SIM Group has once again generously agreed to host and underwrite the dinner at the Country Club of South Carolina. The Foundation also announced that the dinner will honor the life and service of long time Board of Trustees member, J. Erwin Paxton. In memory of Erwin's dedicated service to McLeod Health and the McLeod Foundation, this year's McLeod Cancer Dinner will be presented and named in his honor.

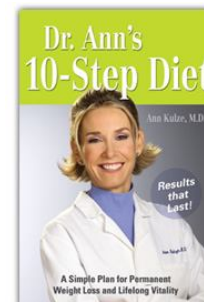
The keynote address, "Just Say Whoa to Cancer," will be provided by Dr. Ann Kulze. As a physician, Dr. Ann is on a personal crusade to share with as many people as possible the joys of living well. She is a nationally recognized expert and motivational speaker in the areas of nutrition, healthy lifestyles and disease prevention. As a gifted teacher with unrivaled credibility and passion, Dr. Ann transforms all of the "new science" of healthy living into programs that are simple, easy and fun! To learn more about her programs, visit Dr. Ann's website at www.drannwellness.com.

Dr. Ann Kulze
Keynote
Speaker

Sponsorships are still available, including Table Sponsors. Tickets are \$100 per person. There will also be a silent auction featuring a variety of tempting items. For more information or if you are interested in attending this inspirational evening, please visit the Foundation's website: www.mcleodfoundation.org or call the Foundation office at 843-777-2694.

Library Hosts a Book Signing Featuring Dr. Ann

Dr. Ann Kulze, keynote speaker of the Cancer Dinner, will also be speaking at the Florence County Library to share her thoughts and her passion on healthy living and nutrition. There will be an opportunity for the public to meet this successful author, have their books autographed by her, and support two worthwhile causes. The event will be held on Thursday, October 22 at 12:00 p.m. and the cost is \$25.00 and includes lunch. This event is a joint effort by the Friends of the Florence County Library and the McLeod Health Foundation and it is sponsored by Commander Health Care Facilities. Proceeds will benefit projects of the Friends and the McLeod Cancer Center for Treatment and Research. For tickets, contact the Friends of the Florence County Library at 665-1700.



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Did You Know?

Because of your donations to this life saving project, the McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit has:



- Screened 2,000 women for breast cancer since January of 2008 when the mobile unit first began traveling the region.

- Of those 2,000 women, seven have been diagnosed with breast cancer, three at an early stage when survival rates are the highest.

- Increased the convenience of having a mammogram by visiting more than 100 businesses in eight counties allowing more women to take advantage of this life saving test.

When we come together,

we become a part of something bigger than us all.

To learn more about the Mobile Mammography Unit, please visit www.McLeodFoundation.org.