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The Honorable Jeffrey V. Kessler, Acting President
West Virginia Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 229-M
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

The Honorable Richard Thompson, Speaker
West Virginia House of Delegates
State Capitol Building, Room 234-M
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear President Kessler and Speaker Thompson:

Enclosed is the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund annual report for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

You may direct questions or concerns to GeorgeAnn Grubb, M.P.H., Director for the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, 350 Capitol Street, Room 427, Charleston, West Virginia 25301-3714, telephone (304) 558-5388, or e-mail GeorgeAnn.Grubb@wv.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Lewis".

Michael J. Lewis, M.D., Ph.D.
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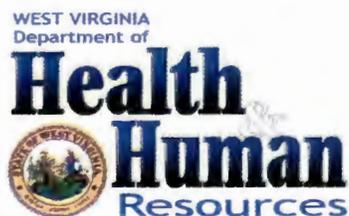
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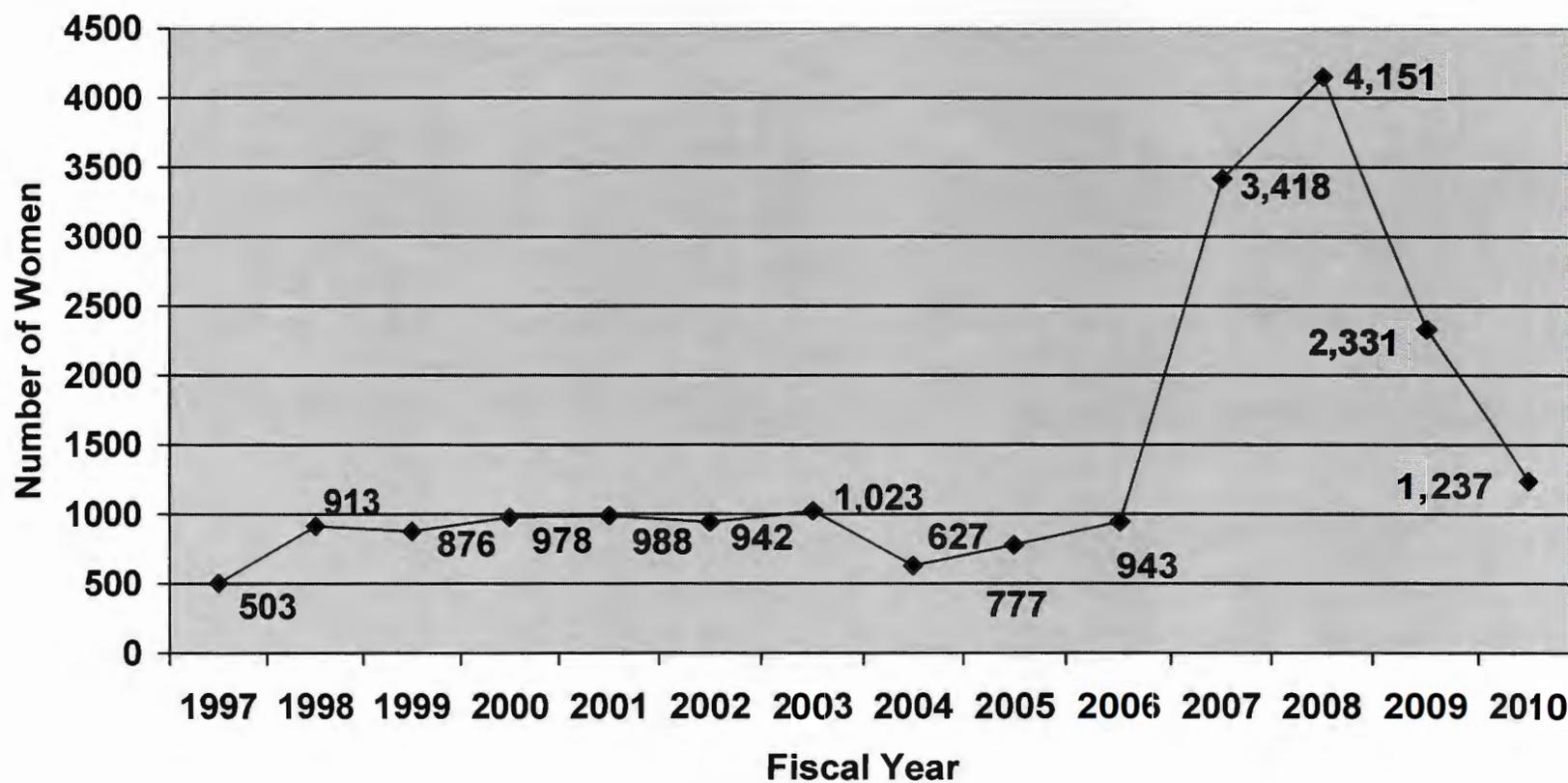
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Figure 1. Number of women receiving services through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund from 1997 through 2010.



**West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund
Annual Report
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010**

Purpose

House Bill 4181, passed by the Legislature in 1996, established the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund for the purpose of assisting medically indigent patients with certain diagnostic and treatment costs for breast and cervical cancer.

Accessing the Fund

The West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund provides services to women through physicians, hospitals, and laboratories. Applications may be obtained through the Bureau for Public Health's West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP). Prior to performing the procedure, the provider must complete the application and submit it to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program. Applications are then reviewed and approved based on eligibility and availability of funds.

Should a patient be diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer, she would then be eligible for medical coverage under Title XIX as a special option through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act, funded through the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services.

Diagnostic and Treatment Fund Eligibility

To be eligible for covered procedures, the patient must:

- Be a resident of West Virginia.
- Have income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Have no health insurance including Medicaid and Medicare.

- Have a condition strongly suspicious for cancer which requires diagnostic services to confirm the preliminary diagnosis or have a positive pathology report indicating diagnostic or treatment services are needed.
- Have been screened or evaluated for breast cancer, cervical cancer, or both by a WVCCSP contracted provider or a West Virginia licensed physician, hospital, or laboratory.

Procedures Covered by the Fund During Fiscal Year 2010

Type of Service	Breast or Cervical
General Anesthesia	Breast
High-risk Mammograms for Women 40-49 Years of Age	Breast
Loop Electrode Excision Procedure (LEEP)	Cervical
Biopsy of excision of lesion	Cervical
Endocervical curettage	Cervical
Cryocautery of cervix	Cervical
Laser surgery of cervix	Cervical
Conization of cervix with or without repair	Cervical
Conization with LEEP	Cervical
Dilation & curettage – diagnostic and/or therapeutic	Cervical
General Anesthesia	Cervical

Financial Support for the Fund

State fiscal support for the Fund during Fiscal Year 2010 was \$400,000. The Fund's legislation also allows for supplementing state funding with individual organization or foundation donations or grants. Fundraising efforts have been generously supported by various community groups, medical providers, and individuals. Two of the most successful fundraising efforts are Walks for Women and the Quilts of Hope project. Over 1,000 people participated in twenty-one Walks held throughout West Virginia during October 2009 as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month activities. The 2008-2010 Quilts of Hope project produced fifteen quilts and took volunteers more than 2,000 volunteer hours to complete. The Quilts of Hope project alone raised \$20,000. Fiscal Year 2010 efforts raised a total of \$122,228 for the Treatment Fund.

Legislative Appropriation:	\$400,000
Donations:	\$122,228
Total:	\$522,228

Fund Status

From July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund paid for approximately 3,969 diagnostic and treatment procedures for 1,237 patients. While the number of women served by the Fund during this timeframe decreased from the previous year, the overall total number of procedures provided remained relatively stable. In fact, the average number of procedures provided per woman increased from 2.1 (during FY 2009) to 3.2 (during FY 2010).

During fiscal year 1997 to fiscal year 2003, the Fund experienced increased utilization by women. In order to fully utilize all available funds for breast and cervical cancer screening services and benefit West Virginia women, the WVBCCSP changed several of its policies to reduce expenditures from the Fund. The policy changes included moving breast biopsies from the Fund to the federal screening program. The Fund also began paying for much needed cervical procedures the federal program will not cover and mammograms for high-risk women between the ages of 40-49. The effects of these policies correlate with the data trends shown in Figure 1. For example, the decrease seen in 2004 is reflective of the Fund no longer covering breast biopsies. The growth seen in 2007 and 2008 correlates with the Program's planned temporary policy change to provide colposcopy for women aged 18 to 24 years with a Pap test result of Low-grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesion (LSIL).

It is evident that the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund is an integral part of improving the health of West Virginia's women. During FY 2009-2010 alone, more than 1,000 women were provided with potentially life-saving procedures that they otherwise would not have been able to afford. The continuation of this Fund will ensure that women in need continue to have a fighting chance in the battle against cancer.