



Medical Care For People In Need

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WE CARE MANATEE RECEIVES GRANT FROM
THE FLORIDA SUNCOAST AFFILIATE OF SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE

To Provide Free Breast Cancer Diagnostic Services

We Care Manatee has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from The Florida Suncoast Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure to provide free mammograms and other breast health diagnostic services to low-income, uninsured residents of Manatee County. Through this grant, We Care Manatee will serve over 500 men and women who otherwise would go without this potentially lifesaving testing.

The grant expands the mission of We Care Manatee and will enable the organization to offer more free services to the community. A simple referral and eligibility process is required for enrollment in the program with the goal of not turning anyone away.

Jill Gass, Executive Director for We Care Manatee says, "I am very excited to be able to offer free mammograms to our uninsured community. We Care Manatee has assisted thousands of uninsured patients for over 13 years, and with this expansion to our programs we will be able to reach even more who need us."

Kaytlyn Burke, Grants & Mission Outreach Coordinator for the Komen Florida Suncoast Affiliate, says "We are grateful to have the opportunity to partner with We Care Manatee to provide lifesaving services to women and men in Manatee County. It is great to see the fundraising efforts of the community making a difference in the lives of people locally."

We Care Manatee has partnered with Manatee Diagnostic Centers, Manatee Memorial Hospital, Blake Medical Centre, Lakewood Ranch Medical Center and A. Samir Hassan, M.D. of Manatee Surgical Specialists to provide the free diagnostic services to those who cannot afford care on their own. Inevitably we will reduce instances of terminal cancer diagnoses and save lives in Manatee County.

The mission of We Care Manatee, Inc. is to promote and facilitate the provision of free specialty and primary medical care to low-income, uninsured residents of Manatee County, Florida. We Care Manatee serves over 1,000 Manatee County residents annually through its three other programs. Each year over \$400,000 worth of medical services are donated through We Care Manatee.

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