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Board raises money for breast cancer research, urges residents to help raise awareness

End of Breast Cancer Awareness Month not the end of fight

JOLIET, IL – The Will County Board today urged residents to keep up the fight against breast cancer and help raise awareness of the disease as well as support for research initiatives. Earlier in the month, the Board passed a proclamation recognizing October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and raised money to aid in research.

"The end of October does not signal the end of our support for those who are fighting against the terrible disease of breast cancer," said Democratic Caucus Chair Diane Zigrossi (D-Crest Hill). "We should work year round to increase awareness, including educating the public about early detection, the cause, diagnosis, treatment and support for survivors. Furthermore, we urge all women to practice monthly self-exams and women over the age of 40 to have a yearly mammogram."

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for women in the U.S. after lung cancer. It is estimated 232,340 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed this year among women in the U.S. However, as a result of earlier detection and improvement, death rates have been declining and approximately 2.8 million breast cancer survivors have now triumphed over the devastating disease.

At the October Board meeting, elected officials and staff collected \$200 that was sent to the Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation. This foundation was chosen because it ranks first in funds going directly to research.

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