

Every year we look forward to the month of May in honor of Pink Ribbon Month. Our program helps bring awareness to Central Montana regarding the importance of early detection and screening for not only breast and cervical cancer but now also screening for colorectal cancer. May is particularly important to our Montana Cancer Screening Program because it lets us focus specifically on Breast Cancer awareness and promotion of early screening. By our continued art display and silent auction hosted at the Lewistown Art Center we are able to provide both awareness of the need for screening as well as to provide outreach to help find participants and to help us raise funds to assist those that might not otherwise be eligible.

Every year we pick a new theme and this will be our 5th May event. We are asking past participants as well as new participants to assist us in our art display and silent auction hosted by the Lewistown Art Center. As some of you remember we began our journey in 2005 with "BRAS FOR THE CAUSE". Then in 2007 we "KICKED CANCER", both of these first two themes honored great women through bras and shoes. Both of these events showed wonderful creativity and between these two events we had 138 entries. In 2008 our theme was "SHADES OF PINK" which hosted items including umbrellas, sunglasses and lamp shades. In 2009 our theme was "TREASURE YOUR CHEST" which had many creative "chest" items donated. In 2010 our theme was "CHOOSE PREVENTION IT IS FASHIONABLE" in which contributions included scarves, hats, and clothing and even a bicycle.

So to add to the fun and creativity we have decided for 2011 that our theme will be "LET'S BAG BREAST CANCER".



We are counting on your imagination to create any item which represents your interpretation of our theme.
We can provide a tax receipt for your donated items.

The funds that we raise help us offer financial assistance for women of Central Montana who are unable to afford mammograms, ultrasounds, breast biopsies and Pap smears, colposcopies as well as assistance with fuel costs if they need to travel for these screenings or diagnostic tests.

Your "LET'S BAG BREAST CANCER" items will be displayed at the Lewistown Art Center from May 1, 2011 to May 27, 2011 with silent bidding during the display. Please plan to join us Friday May 27th for a Reception from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. The reception is free of charge and open to the public. We will have light snacks, beverages and lots of bidding. BIDDING WILL CLOSE AT 7:29 pm on May 27th.

Please plan to have your 'LET'S BAG BREAST CANCER' auction item to our clinic on or before NOON Friday April 29, 2011. Our address is Central Montana Family Planning at 505 W. Main Street, Suite 108, Lewistown, MT. We are open Monday-Thursday 8-5 (open during lunch) and Friday 8-12.

If you are able to participate this year we are counting on you. Your creativity and ideas help make our program a success through our outreach events for Central Montana to enjoy. If you wish to participate call us to sign up at 406*535*8811 or 1*877*421*8646. YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

Any item is always appreciated and the benefits from the silent auction as well as the public awareness are immeasurable.

Thank you,

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