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MedStar Lends a Pink Covered Hand to Fight Breast Cancer

October 12, 2009 (Fort Worth, Texas) In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month MedStar paramedics and EMTs are wearing pink examine gloves during October.

Healthcare supply company Medline is donating \$1 for each case of 'Generation Pink Exam Gloves' sold in the month of October to breast cancer research. MedStar's order will provide for a \$300 donation.

"[The color] really stands out," said Lisa Garcia, MedStar Paramedic. "Hopefully this will encourage people to think about breast cancer and talk to their doctors. And it's nice to be able to recognize those who have fought the disease, especially those we have lost," she added.



Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, aside from skin cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 192,370 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed among women in the United States this year.

An estimated 40,000 women are expected to die from the disease in 2009 alone. Today, there are about 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States.

Although breast cancer is too small to feel and does not cause signs and symptoms when it starts out, as it grows however, breast cancer can cause changes in how the breast looks or feels. Symptoms may include:

- New lump in the breast or underarm (armpit)
- Thickening or swelling of part of the breast
- Irritation or dimpling of breast skin
- Redness or flaky skin in the nipple area or the breast
- Pulling in of the nipple or pain in the nipple area
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk, including blood
- Any change in the size or the shape of the breast
- Pain in any area of the breast

Regular mammograms are the best tests doctors have to find breast cancer early, sometimes up to three years before it can be felt. When their breast cancer is found early, many women go on to live long and healthy lives.

About MedStar

MedStar is the exclusive emergency and non-emergency ambulance service provider to 15 Tarrant County cities including Blue Mound, Burleson, Edgecliff Village, Forest Hill, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Haslet, Lakeside, Lake Worth, River Oaks, Saginaw, Samson Park, Westover Hills, Westworth Village, and White Settlement. Established in 1986, MedStar provides advanced life support ambulance service to 421 square miles and more than 860,000 residents in Tarrant County. MedStar responds to about 100,000 emergency calls a year with a fleet of 47 ambulances.

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