

Project Title	Healthy Connections
Amount Awarded	\$10,463.00
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Project Summary	<p>The goal of this project is to increase the probability of early detection of breast cancer for low-income and “working poor”, uninsured and underinsured women in western Arkansas. The project will provide screening mammograms, follow-up bilateral diagnostic mammograms and radiologist evaluations to patients referred to the Mena Regional Health Systems. Evaluation of the project will be accomplished through established referral logs, electronic follow-up by the clinic managers and patient medical histories. Detection rates will be tracked by returned diagnoses and patient follow-up visits. Many women who are higher risk for breast cancer due to vocational exposure and/or family history are from low-income or “working poor” homes. Many of these women lack adequate health insurance to cover the costs of these invaluable screenings. This project covers a critical gap for those women who are ineligible for Arkansas’ Breastcare program and removes the most significant barrier to screening mammography – cost.</p>