

# Welcome to the Joanie Abdu Comprehensive Breast Care Center

**The Joanie Abdu Comprehensive Breast Care Center (JACBCC) delivers the most accurate prevention, early detection, diagnosis and support services available in an environment of compassionate and coordinated care.**

## Complete Diagnostic Breast Care Services

We strive to lessen the anxiety of uncertainty by providing the most rapid screening and diagnostic results possible.

## We provide the entire spectrum of diagnostic breast care services:

- Screening and diagnostic digital mammography
- Ultrasound
- MRI
- Nuclear Medicine (*breast specific imaging*)
- Needle localizations
- Biopsy services including ultrasound guided, stereotactic and MRI biopsies; cyst and fine needle aspirations
- Bone density testing



## Coordinated Care

We implement an interdisciplinary approach for patients diagnosed with cancer by reviewing each case in a weekly breast care conference of oncologists, pathologists, radiologists, plastic surgeons and palliative medicine specialists to determine the optimum plan of care.

## Breast Health Navigator

Breast cancer is a disease best fought with the support of a breast health navigator. The breast health navigator is a health care professional who provides education and support for decision-making when you need it most. But more importantly, the breast health navigator serves as a compassionate and knowledgeable guide, steering you through an often overwhelming process.

### **The breast health navigator:**

- Guides patients through the diagnosis process
- Provides emotional support and one-on-one education
- Explains clinical information and treatment options in everyday language
- Coordinates appointments and referrals to other medical and support services when appropriate
- Serves as a patient advocate



## Other Coordinated Services

In additions to the diagnostic services offered at the JACBCC, the following services are also available to each patient in a coordinated and timely manner:

- Genetics and Fertility Counseling
- Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Physical Therapy
- Home Care
- Home Medical Equipment Services
- Advanced Imaging: Bone Scans, CT Scans, PET/CT Scans
- Gynecology
- Surgery
- Support Groups
- Access to Clinical Trial Enrollment
- Oncology
- Psychological Support Services
- Palliative and Hospice Care

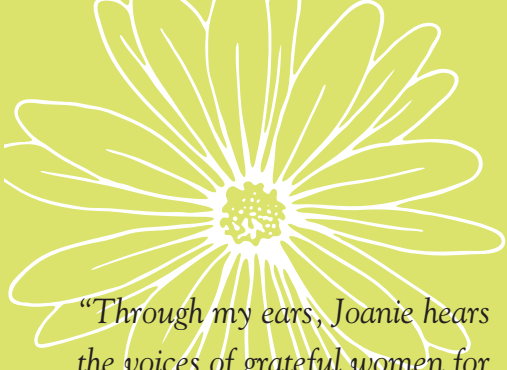
**To Schedule your Mammogram, call  
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## *Who Should Have a Mammogram?*

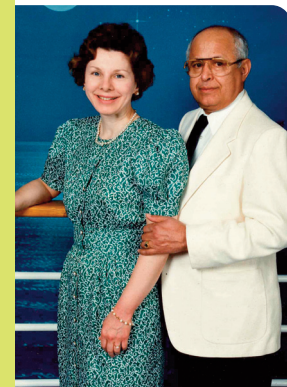
*With an early diagnosis and timely treatment plan, women with breast cancer can have excellent outcomes.*

*Beginning at age 40, women should have a yearly mammogram. If you have certain risk factors, your doctor may suggest you have a mammogram at an earlier age. Monthly breast self-examinations and an annual breast physical examination by your physician are also important to good breast health.*



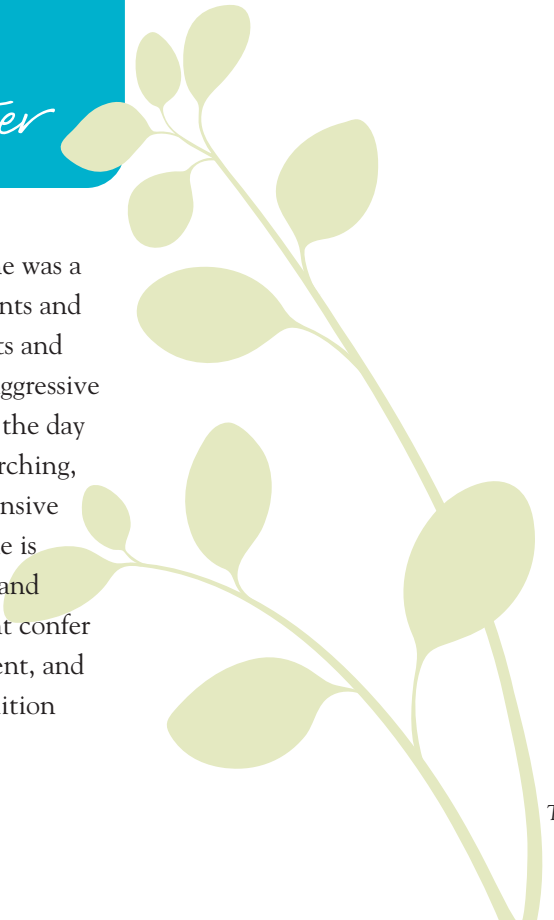
“Through my ears, Joanie hears the voices of grateful women for the care they will receive in this magnificent facility. Through my eyes, she sees the reality of what once was only a dream. Through our souls, we both see the beauty, the love, the compassion and the generosity of a caring community that has made that dream come true. We are, and will always be, eternally grateful.”

~ Dr. Rashid Abdu



## About the Joanie Abdu Comprehensive Breast Care Center

Joanie Abdu served as a head nurse at St. Elizabeth for more than 20 years. She was a role model for other nurses and was highly respected by physicians, staff, patients and families. After she married Dr. Rashid Abdu, she volunteered for many projects and fundraising activities at St. Elizabeth. In 1993, Joanie was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. She lost her battle and died June 2, 1994, 15 months to the day she was diagnosed. After Joanie’s death, Dr. Abdu became committed to researching, planning and creating the development of a comprehensive breast care center at St. Elizabeth, where diagnosis time is shortened to eliminate the agonizing wait for patients and family members, where physicians treating each patient confer on the best treatment options for each individual patient, and where other complementary services are offered in addition to medical services.



### Mission Statement and Guiding Principles

The Joanie Abdu Comprehensive Breast Care Center, guided by the mission of Humility of Mary Health Partners, is dedicated to continue the healing ministry of Jesus and to be a leader in the delivery of compassionate, personalized and comprehensive breast care.

#### We will accomplish this mission by remaining faithful to these guiding principles:

- The most up-to-date technology will be used to evaluate and diagnose breast disease
- Guidelines for patient care will meet or exceed national standards
- Patients will receive screening and diagnostic results in a timely and efficient manner
- Patients with an abnormal test result will have a Navigator to guide them through the evaluation and treatment process
- Patients and families will receive education, support and exceptional breast care services in an environment of compassion and sensitivity



Located at  
St. Elizabeth Health Center  
1044 Belmont Ave., Youngstown

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## Comprehensive Breast Care



Bringing together  
*advanced technology*  
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