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Merrimack Valley Hospital and Fashion Bug Seeking Volunteer Models for Fashion Show

October 2, 2009- In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Merrimack Valley Hospital will hold an event on Thursday, Oct. 22 with a fashion show sponsored by Fashion Bug. They are seeking volunteer models for the show.

The event is from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the hospital's first-floor cafeteria.

The night will begin with a song by Haverhill's own Shakala Alvaranga- Miss New England Teen. Those interested in volunteering to model in the evening's trendy fashion show can call Christine at Fashion Bug at (978) 374-8885.

All attendees will have a chance to meet physicians dedicated to women's health issues. They can ask questions in a relaxed atmosphere while learning about the latest advances and treatments for breast cancer, including early detection, full-field digital mammography, Stereotactic breast biopsy, self-exam and how early women should begin screenings.

Representatives from New England PET Imaging, American Cancer Society, Lady Grace, Skin Serenity and LAP Designs will be available to talk about their services and ask questions

The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited so registration is required. Light refreshments will be served. Merrimack Valley Hospital is located at 140 Lincoln Avenue in Haverhill. For more information or to register please call Mary O'Neil at (978) 420-1157.

About Merrimack Valley Hospital:

Merrimack Valley Hospital maintains 107 acute care beds and 17 adult behavioral medicine beds; all are private rooms. The hospital's clinical strengths include a 24-hour emergency department; orthopedic, endoscopic, general, vascular, thoracic, GYN, pediatric and urologic surgery; wound care with hyperbaric therapy; adult behavioral medicine care with a focus on geriatric issues; a comprehensive Pain Management Center; a Sleep Study Lab; gastroenterology; otolaryngology and hospitalist services. MVH also provides a wide range of outpatient services, such as bone density testing; dysphasia testing; echocardiograms; electroencephalograms (EEG); electromyography (EMG); full-field digital mammography; magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); position emission tomography (PET-Scan); pulmonary function testing (PFT); nuclear medicine; surgical day care; ultrasound (general & obstetrical), and physical therapy and x-rays, and 64-Slice CT scans.

The hospital's awards for excellence include the Excellence Through Insight Award, 2008 (HealthStream Research); Best in Value Hospitals, 2008 (Data Advantage); Top Ranked Community Value Provider Award, 2007 (Cleverley & Associates; National Quality Leader Award for Pneumonia Care, 2006 (CareScience Select Practice); High Reliability Cardiac Care Award, 2006 (MassPRO); and An affiliate of Essent Healthcare, Inc., the hospital serves Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire. More information can be found at www.merrimackvalleyhospital.com. Merrimack Valley Hospital is a licensed and certified mammography facility.