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**Tickets Available for Women Helping Women Celebration of Hope Dinner**

(Hendersonville, NC) Pardee Hospital Foundation's Women Helping Women Committee will host its second annual "Celebration of Hope Dinner" on Thursday, Oct. 18 at Hendersonville Country Club. The cost of a dinner reservation is \$125, and a limited number of tickets are still available. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Women Helping Women luncheon on the following day is sold out. Both events will raise funds for financial assistance for uninsured and underinsured patients at Pardee Hospital who need screening mammograms or additional breast cancer care.

As a subcommittee of Pardee Foundation, Women Helping Women has raised more than \$600,000 and helped more than 780 women receive life-saving screenings and treatments over the past 10 years. The cost of two dinner reservations will pay for a woman in need to receive a screening mammogram. A \$1,000 donation will help pay for a woman to receive a Breast MRI. A \$2,500 gift will allow a woman to receive a Stereotactic (needle) biopsy to help detect abnormalities.

Emory Austin, the speaker at the first Women Helping Women luncheon in 1998, is returning as the speaker for both events to help celebrate "A Decade of Hope." She is a 27-year breast cancer survivor, North Carolina native and a member of the Speaker Hall of Fame. In 1999, she received the National Speakers Association's highest honor, the Council of Peers Award for Excellence.

To make a reservation for the "Celebration of Hope Dinner," contact Jennifer Boone at Pardee Hospital Foundation at 828-696-4666.

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