

## ‘Above-and-beyond’ training for mammography technologists

Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosis in American women. Early detection is critical to survival rates; mammography is key to unlocking the diagnosis.

Thanks to your generosity, expert mammography technologists at Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital received specialized training about enhancing image quality, benefiting every person being screened. Breast-imaging professionals from San Diego-based Mammography Educators led The Miller Method™ workshop.

### Donors support professional milestones and patient care

Brenda Farris, one of four participating Providence Hood River mammography technologists, is grateful to donors whose gifts allowed for this innovative learning opportunity.

“This program goes above and beyond, providing hands-on training with actual patients and immediate feedback from the trainers,” Brenda said, adding, “Slide presentations alone aren’t enough for the precision our work requires.”

The unique class also includes lectures, volunteer patients and instruction from trainers, all in the technologists’ work environment and with their own equipment.

**“There are few active, hands-on trainings in our industry; I’m so glad for this rare opportunity.”**

– Brenda Farris, mammography technologist

Ensuring consistent imaging is critical. “When radiologists review patients’ breast tissue, they read the same views year to year for up to five years’ worth of images. Each image must be taken from the same angle every time,” said Rendi Porter, manager of diagnostic imaging at Providence Hood River.

Rendi added, “Donors help caregivers reach professional milestones, ease patients’ way and show Providence’s dedication to the community.”



*Brenda Farris, left, receives training from Robyn Hadley, standing, who helps position a volunteer participant.*