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THE PA BREAST CANCER COALITION URGES YOU TO DONATE YOUR STATE INCOME TAX REFUND TO BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER RESEARCH

‘Check yes’ and contribute to breast cancer research in Pennsylvania

EPHRATA, Pa. – The PA Breast Cancer Coalition (PBCC) encourages PA residents to make a simple check mark on line 35 of the PA 40 tax form and donate all or part of their state income tax refund to breast and cervical cancer research. Every penny contributed goes directly to PA researchers. Those who choose to donate their state income tax refund will join thousands of Pennsylvania tax filers who have contributed over \$2 million for Pennsylvania-based cancer research to date.

The PBCC worked with the state legislature to enact the Income Tax Check-Off for Breast & Cervical Cancer Research which has since become one of the most popular refund donation options in Pennsylvania. The funds raised through this initiative support the outstanding breast and cervical cancer researchers in Pennsylvania.

“Thousands of checkmarks made by Pennsylvania residents have raised over \$2 million for breast cancer research. The generosity of the people of this state for the program has been overwhelming,” said **Pat Halpin-Murphy**, President and Founder of the PBCC. “This simple and effective program, and the support of so many, reinforces our commitment to *finding a cure now...so our daughters won’t have to.* ©”

The PBCC’s Income Tax Check-Off for Breast Cancer Research Advisory Committee recommends how the funds should be distributed to researchers. The Committee is chaired by Halpin-Murphy.

The PA Breast Cancer Coalition represents, supports and serves breast cancer survivors and their families in Pennsylvania through educational programming, legislative advocacy and breast cancer research grants. For more information, visit www.pabreastcancer.org or contact Sarah Lightman, Director of Communications, at 1-800-377-8828 x107 or sarah@pabreastcancer.org

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