

## Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's

## Capitol Report

**October is****National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point. It is also the most common cancer among women in Texas. The good news is that many women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. Breast exams, along with mammograms, can improve the chance of detecting breast cancer early. When detected at an early age, 5-year survival rates for breast cancer exceed 90 percent. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat. **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 12,100 new cases of invasive breast cancer are diagnosed in Texas women each year; annually, about 2,500 Texas women die of the disease.

**BY THE NUMBERS:**

**12,100:** Number of new cases of invasive breast cancer diagnosed in Texas women each year.

**2,500:** Number of Texas women who die of breast cancer annually.

**90+:** 5-year survival rate for breast cancer detected at an early age.

**2 million:** Number of Texas women benefitting from access to fully covered preventive services through Affordable Care Act.

**1 in 5:** Ratio of women that will access Planned Parenthood health services during her lifetime.

**90+:** Percent of Planned Parenthood health services that are preventive care.

**173,000:** Number of Texans served at a Planned Parenthood health center each year.

Whether they are insured or not, women can access breast exams and preventive services at Planned Parenthood, which is dedicated to providing high quality, compassionate care. For more information, visit the website at:

[www.ppgreatertx.org](http://www.ppgreatertx.org)

[Information partially extracted from: <http://healthfinder.gov/NHO/OctoberToolkit.aspx> and [www.ppgreatertx.org](http://www.ppgreatertx.org) ]

**Public Safety, Health, Education & Sustainability Fair**

Join us for this FREE, family-friendly event!

Saturday October 18, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM At Mountain View College

You're invited to celebrate the 3rd Annual "***It Takes a Village***" Public Safety Fair on Saturday, October 18th. "It Takes a Village" will feature live music and entertainment, Fire House simulation, police helicopter tours, animals from the Dallas Zoo, electronics recycling, games and giveaways, vendor booths, great food and more! More than 40 local health, safety, education and sustainability organizations will be on-hand from the DFW area. Parkland Hospital will be one of the many organizations to turnout and will offer health screenings and domestic abuse awareness. Click on the link to register for a vendor booth or to RSVP:

[http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event;jsessionid=5A54702D06979475CA6231C208297C4A.worker\\_reqistrant?llr=7ia5ilcab&oeidk=a07e9hladvq197942a6](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event;jsessionid=5A54702D06979475CA6231C208297C4A.worker_reqistrant?llr=7ia5ilcab&oeidk=a07e9hladvq197942a6)