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QUINCY MEDICAL CENTER HOSTS FIRST ASIAN BREAST CANCER PROJECT WORKSHOP

Quincy, MA (June 24, 2011) – Quincy Medical Center hosted the first Asian Breast Cancer Project educational workshop at Quincy Medical Center on June 18. Sixteen participants attended the workshop, which was delivered in Cantonese and provided information about early detection and screening for breast cancer. Following the workshop, Quincy Mayor Thomas P. Koch was on hand to deliver a proclamation declaring June 18 Asian Breast Cancer Awareness day in the City.

The Asian Breast Cancer (ABC) Project was started by Chien-Chi Huang, a Taiwanese-American breast cancer survivor, to provide health education and increase screening of local Asian-American women – something she found lacking during her own experience with cancer. The project is launching its Greater Boston workshop series thanks to recent funding from the Massachusetts affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and the Saffron Circle, a Massachusetts Asian American giving group. The Asian Breast Cancer Project is funded in part by a matching grant from Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy.

Quincy Medical Center is a 196-bed acute care community-teaching hospital, providing the highest quality, most personalized and comprehensive medical and surgical services to patients throughout the South Shore. A private, nonprofit hospital, QMC has played a vital role in the community since 1890, serving the needs of its diverse patient population without exception. Quincy Medical Center is uniquely positioned for the health care system of the future, as it is a high value provider with outcomes at or better than most national quality benchmarks and it delivers this care in a cost efficient manner as one of the lowest cost providers in the region. QMC has a clinical affiliation with Tufts Medical Center.

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Pictured from left to right: Nasim Memon, Carolyn Leung, Tuft Medical Center, Jennifer Deneault, RN, QMC Oncology Nurse Navigator, Chien Chi Huang, Mayor Thomas Koch, Patrick Michaud, Neponset Health Center, and Betty Yau, Constituent Services at Quincy City Hall.