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BankRI to Host ‘An Evening of Women’s Wellness’ in Partnership with Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation, RI Ovarian Cancer Alliance on May 14

Being held at the Bank’s Atwood Avenue branch in Cranston, free event to feature presentations on the genetics of breast cancer and early detection of ovarian cancer, and the availability of community resources

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – On Monday, May 14, **Bank Rhode Island (BankRI)** will welcome representatives from the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation and the RI Ovarian Cancer Alliance when it hosts “An Evening of Women’s Wellness” at its 383 Atwood Avenue branch in Cranston. The event, being held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., is free and open to the public.

Throughout the evening, guests will have access to representatives from each partnering organization. They will be on-hand to discuss their respective programming and share information on the resources and services available to women and their families whose lives have been impacted by cancer. Additionally, the event will feature two guest presentations and an accompanying Q&A session.

The first presentation, focusing on the importance of early detection of ovarian cancer, will be delivered by Don S. Dizon, MD. Dr. Dizon is the head of Women’s Cancers at Lifespan Cancer Institute, and Director of Medical Oncology at Rhode Island Hospital. He received his training in medical oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. From 2003 to 2009, Dr. Dizon was the Director of Medical Oncology for the Program in Women’s Oncology at Women & Infants Hospital. During his time there, he founded the Center for Sexuality, Intimacy, and Fertility for women with cancer – the first program of its kind in Rhode Island. Earlier in 2018, Dr. Dizon was named a Fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

The event’s second presentation will be given by Laura Nevel, MD, a gynecologist in private practice in Cranston, and who is affiliated with local hospitals, including The Miriam Hospital, Rhode Island Hospital, and Women & Infants. She is also a clinical assistant professor of OBGYN at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Dr. Nevel’s presentation will highlight the genetics of breast cancer from a clinician’s perspective, along with discussing the criteria used to determine genetic testing and the role of family history linking predisposition to other cancers with an increased risk of breast cancer.

Space is limited for “An Evening of Women’s Wellness,” and attendees are asked to RSVP in advance by contacting Patricia O’Donnell-Saracino of BankRI at psaracino@bankri.com, or (401) 574-1993. The event is free to attend and light refreshments will be served.

About Bank Rhode Island

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