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Miss Pocatello to Assist Southeastern District Health Department
Sarah Chandler to Distribute Breast Cancer Awareness Baskets

Pocatello –Southeastern District Health Department (SDHD) is pleased to announce that Miss Pocatello, Sarah Chandler, will be distributing baskets to various florists, restaurants, spas, and places women frequent in the eight counties that SDHD consists of to promote breast cancer awareness for women on behalf of Women's Health Check. Included in these baskets are rubber awareness bracelets, magnetic pink car ribbons, teddy bears, bookmarks, and breast cancer awareness brochures for the business to hand out to patrons.

Sarah is a Breast Cancer Awareness Teen Advocate who says "Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to spend my 17th birthday in a surgeon's office being told I needed to have immediate surgery to remove a lump from my breast!" Through her personal experience, Sarah has realized that breast cancer can happen to any and all ages and something women should take very seriously. Sarah encourages women to perform a monthly breast exam and to make it part of their routine.

Sarah will be delivering the baskets on Wednesday, May 10th, from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. to various businesses throughout southeastern Idaho.

Women's Health Check is a federally-funded program that provides free or low cost breast and cervical exams to eligible women meeting the following criteria:

- Limited income
- Insurance that does not cover mammograms or Pap tests (this includes Medicaid)
- Age 50 – 64
- Age 30 – 49 and have not had a Pap test in 5 years or longer, or have never had a Pap test
- Age 65 or older and are not eligible for Medicare, or do not have Medicare part B

SDHD received a grant from the AVON Foundation in 2006, which has made the purchase of these baskets possible.

To learn more about free breast and cervical health exams, dial 2-1-1, call 239-5290, or visit www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov.

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