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Councilmember Cheh to Host Breast Cancer Education and Awareness Press Conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. – This **Friday, October 28, 2011**, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh will host “Breast Cancer in the District: What D.C. Women Need to Know,” a press conference raising awareness of breast cancer prevention, detection, and treatment resources in Washington. The event will begin at **10:30 a.m. on the front steps of the John A. Wilson Building**. The Capital Breast Care Center and the NFL Players Association will also be participating in the event.

“We have many resources in the District of Columbia for women and men who may be dealing with this disease,” said Councilmember Cheh, a breast cancer survivor. “Many of these resources are available for people who are uninsured or under-insured. If there are Washingtonians who are having trouble navigating the prevention and treatment terrain, I want them to know that there are facilities and organizations that care and can help.”

The **Capital Breast Care Center** provides comprehensive, culturally appropriate breast cancer screening services to women in the DC metropolitan area, regardless of their ability to pay. The Center is a D.C. Department of Health Project WISH provider, and an initiative of the Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center – one of only 44 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers.

The **NFL Players Association**, headquartered in the District of Columbia, formed **One Team for the Cure** last year to promote early cancer detection and support the NFL Crucial Catch campaign. Professional football players across the country and their affiliate foundations have participated in the program, which celebrates survivors and supports early screening and treatment. In October, players have worn pink during games to support the American Cancer Society’s National Breast Cancer Awareness month.

This event is open to all media and the public.

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