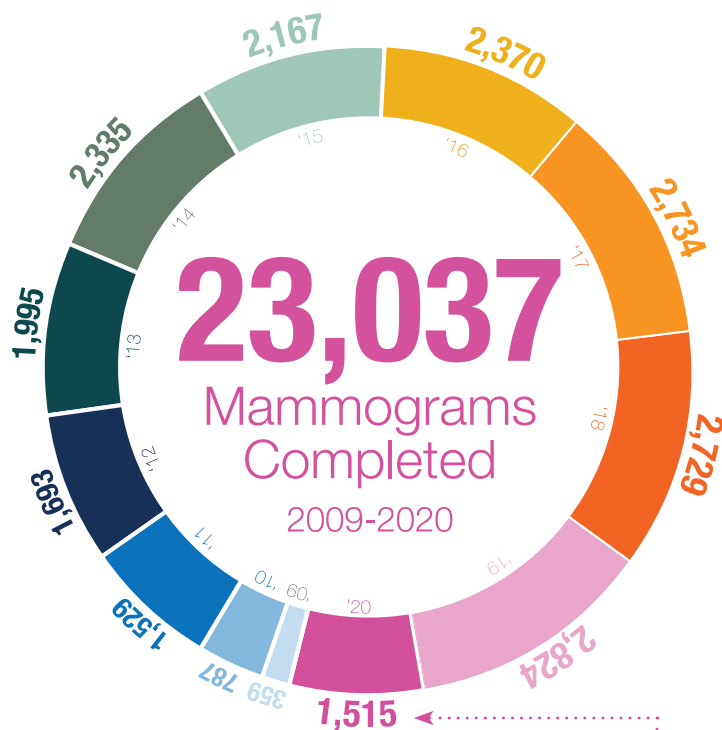


# 2020 Annual Report

## Bonnie's Bus

### Mobile Mammography Program



- Discovered **11** new cases of breast cancer (124 overall)
- Completed **120** visits (1,369 overall)
- Traveled **11,442** miles (191,771 overall)

The Bonnie's Bus Mobile Mammography Program is a partnership between the WVU Cancer Institute and WVU Medicine that began in 2009. Bonnie's Bus has provided more than 23,000 screening mammograms and found more than 110 cases of breast cancer.

## Bonnie's Story

Bonnie's Bus was established by a donation from Ben and Jo Statler to honor Jo's mother, Bonnie Wells Wilson, who lived in a rural area of West Virginia with no access to screening mammography and died of breast cancer in 1992. Jo wanted to ensure that all West Virginia women have access to life-saving screening mammograms for early detection of breast cancer.

### Virtual Pink Party

For the first time, the annual Pink Party was held virtually on September 14, 2020, to ensure safety amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The interactive experience featured a young breast cancer patient's story, an auction, prizes, contests, and presentations.

- More than 100 people participated
- Attendees from Texas to Delaware
- Raised \$55,000

Donations can be made at any time by visiting [Give.WVU.edu/WVUCancerInstitute](https://Give.WVU.edu/WVUCancerInstitute).



"It's really a great thing for the women of West Virginia. We come to you. You don't have to go any place else."  
- Jerry Turner



**Fun Fact**  
191,771 miles is the equivalent of about 55 cross country trips



"Everyone is so grateful and so thankful that we're there. They say if it wasn't for Bonnie's Bus, they likely would not have a mammogram." - Rick Maczko



## Impact of COVID-19

This past year was a time of challenges and adaptations, as COVID-19 affected every part of our lives. It was also a year of cooperation, teamwork, resilience, and innovation as everyone – patients, clinicians, Bus staff, and communities – worked to adapt to the situation. Bonnie's Bus was not immune to the impact of the pandemic. Our schedule was delayed by two months, and 57 screening days were canceled, moved, or rescheduled in response to community needs.

Following the recommendations of WVU Medicine and the WVU Cancer Institute, staff implemented changes to keep patients and staff safe, including:

- Staff wearing masks, gloves, and eye protection at all times
- Patients required to wear a mask
- Appointment times extended to allow for extra sanitation between patients
- Only one patient allowed on the Bus at a time

Bonnie's Bus staff overcame every challenge to continue serving the people of West Virginia. Bonnie's Bus proudly screened 1,515 patients, and we look forward to screening even more in 2021!

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## Connecting with a New Underserved Community

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An integral part of our mission is providing mammography services to medically underserved populations in West Virginia. Typically, they are rural areas that have limited access to preventive healthcare. A unique opportunity presented itself in 2020, when we were alerted to the need for screening mammograms within the prison system. To help address this disparity, Bonnie's Bus partnered with a correctional facility to perform screening mammograms onsite.

Through the partnership, 88 women received a screening mammogram. Bonnie's Bus continues to seek out opportunities to expand our reach and serve West Virginians throughout the state.

Moving beyond a year full of challenges, we anticipate a renewed opportunity to begin traveling and expanding our reach in 2021.



**“We are so thankful for Bonnie's Bus. Our female offenders are often treated like outcasts and not worthy of care. Your service helped them to feel cared for and, even for just a moment, normal.”**

**- Facility staff**

