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### **STEP SISTERS RECEIVE GRANT FROM TEGNA FOUNDATION**

*Funds will expand and enhance transportation services for area breast cancer patients*

BRAMBLETON, Virginia (January 11, 2016) - The Step Sisters are pleased to announce that they have received a grant from TEGNA Foundation/WUSA 9 in the amount of \$5,000. The grant will be used to purchase transportation services such as taxi vouchers and gasoline gift cards for patients in Loudoun and Fairfax Counties.

The Step Sisters provide quality-of-life services for breast cancer patients in both counties. Through their work, they have found that transportation is the most sorely needed service, and also the most costly. Funding transportation options assists patients get to the many appointments required during treatment.

The impact of breast cancer on a patient can be devastating from a physical and emotional standpoint, but also from a financial one. Doctor visits, medications and missed work quickly add up for a breast cancer patient. All too often, the financial aspect of breast cancer has a negative impact on treatment itself, with patients unable to drive themselves, or pay for transportation.

“We believe that no woman should delay treatment, simply because she lacks transportation,” states Angela Fuentes, President of The Step Sisters. “We are thankful to TEGNA Foundation for their support as we expand throughout Northern Virginia, reaching as many patients as possible.”

### **ABOUT THE STEP SISTERS**

The Step Sisters work to improve the quality of life for those impacted by breast cancer. Partnering with local hospitals, the group funds needed support services that directly benefit patients in Loudoun and Fairfax Counties.

A 501c3 non-profit organization, the Step Sisters hold several fundraising events with their largest, the Ribbon Run attracting approximately 2,000 participants to Brambleton annually.

For more information about the Step Sisters, please visit [www.stepsisters.org](http://www.stepsisters.org).