

Update on the Ovarian Cancer Screening Program

Utilization of KEHA Support: 2015-2016

The Kentucky Extension Homemakers have contributed ~\$50,000 at each of the last two annual meetings for a total of ~\$100,000. Two years ago the screening program began a push to begin replacing our 6 ultrasound units, which had been manufactured over 15 years ago. This was both prudent and catalyzed by replacement parts no longer being available for our existing units. Within one year, we had purchased two new ultrasonography units and in 2016 had replaced two more units. Each new unit with transvaginal probe costs us ~\$65,000. Many members of the KEHA have been participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program and that has generated ~\$20,000 over the last two years. I believe that it is fair to say that support from the KEHA is nearly responsible for the purchase of two of our new ultrasound units.

Moving forward

We still need to replace two more ultrasonography units. We anticipate that the two year service that comes with each new unit will be expiring and we will have to begin paying for this coverage. Prior to the new unit acquisitions, we were paying ~\$50,000 annually for the service contract on 6 units and in the past used resources provided by women in the KEHA.

In addition, the UK Hospital mandated a change to a device known as a Trophon, a high level disinfection system needed for each ultrasonography unit and gave us some help financially with four of the Trophons that run at \$9400 each. However, we are finding that operation of the Trophons is much more expensive than we anticipated (costs involve proprietary disinfectants, test strips, and service). We expect that Trophon operation will be an additional expense.

Currently, we have screening participants from all of Kentucky's 120 counties, as indicated below where each dot represents 10 participants.

