Driving Miss Vicki from Sentara to the Bahamas

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The island is in the process of getting (through grant support) its first mammography unit and is working to obtain ultrasound equipment.

Women currently must travel to New Providence for screening (about a $500 expense, which most women can’t afford).²

In addition, the island has only one ambulance and one fire truck.

SENTARA HEALTHCARE HAS DECIDED TO DONATE A DECOMMISSIONED AMBULANCE UNIT TO THE ONE ELEUTHERA FOUNDATION.

Meet Miss Vicki

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SOURCES:
1 http://www.komenbahamas.org/_m1073/Understanding-Breast-Cancer
2 http://oneeleuthera.org/projects/eleuthera-imaging-program

300-500
Est. new cases of breast cancer/year¹

24-27%
Est. % of Bahamian women diagnosed carry the BRCA1 gene mutation²

48.5%
of the women diagnosed in the Bahamas were under 50¹

30,000
Approximate number of runs made by Miss Vicki over the course of her ‘career’ with Sentara.

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