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# PRO FAMILY

## MISSION EMPHASIS: *Preventing Disease*

Our Family Health Division provides screenings, immunizations, home visits, and so much more. Every effort is made to prevent disease. But even when a client is diagnosed, the team offers family-like support. Here is just one example:

## ESTABLISHED TRUST

*Turning to HDNW in time of need*

In May 2022, Kellie Hogerheide walked into a HDNW clinic for a breast exam. She told nurse practitioner Jordan Wyeth: "I have something in my breast, and I think it's cancer."

Jordan performed an exam and ordered a mammogram for the next day. Based on the results, Kellie was sent for an ultrasound. With a 90% chance of breast cancer, Jordan then made an appointment for Kellie's biopsy—the next day.

Kellie's fear was confirmed—stage 2 breast cancer. I kept telling myself, "This can't be."

Working through shock and grief, the semi-retired school readiness coordinator for Alba Public School

began to focus on fighting back. A second lump was found during a presurgical scan. Kellie, 55, had the problem surgically removed and is amid 12 months of treatments.

She's determined. She's outspoken.

Her message to all women, especially those taking care of everyone else is: "Get your mammogram and take care of those important appointments for yourself, too. No excuses."

## LEANING ON HDNW

Although insured, Kellie prefers seeing HDNW clinicians over those in private practice—for her and her children. Why?

"The health department is always so thorough," she says. "And we leave our appointments with information that's educational and helpful, especially for my children."

Even while Kellie is in the hands of oncologists at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, where her daughter is a nurse, Jordan keeps in touch. She calls and encourages. She advocates for Kellie. She offers the kind of care that makes public health part of Northwest Michigan's family-friendly community.

HDNW offers the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program, which provides free



Kellie Hogerheide

breast and cervical cancer screenings, including breast and pelvic exam, pap, mammogram referral and follow-up testing for women ages 40 to 64. When cancer is found, the Medicaid Treatment Act can help cover costs.

"Jordan immediately offered empathy," Kellie says. "She is making sure I'm heading in the right direction. She advocates for me. When I spoke with Jordan yesterday about sharing my story, I saw a glimmer of hope. Maybe I can help other people who are going through breast cancer, even one person."



For a comprehensive five-year list of the reported communicable diseases within

HDNW's four-county jurisdiction, visit: [bit.ly/3NrTEZn](https://bit.ly/3NrTEZn).

## DID YOU KNOW?



Herd immunity is the resistance to outbreaks of infectious disease and is achieved when a large segment of the population is immune to new infection through vaccination or prior infection.

