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**2,200 MEN GET FREE CANCER SCREENINGS AT DOLE STATE FAIR BOOTH**

WASHINGTON -- Nearly 2,200 men received free prostate cancer screening tests at the Bob Dole Prostate Cancer Detection Unit at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, Senator Dole announced today.

"I'm living proof that early detection is the key to successful treatment of prostate cancer, which is the message I tried to tell everyone I met during my two days at the Fair," Dole said. "That's why it's such good news that so many men took advantage of the free screenings at the Fair -- these men saved some money, and perhaps saved something far more important, their lives. The turnout at the testing booth was beyond what we expected, but thanks to the dedicated workers at the booth, we got the job done."

According to medical experts, statistics show that about 10% of all men tested will have an elevated blood test level, a signal that indicates there may be something wrong with their prostate, although not necessarily cancer. In other words, about 220 men tested in Hutchinson will be alerted to possible problems and would be advised to seek further medical attention.

The Prostate Cancer Detection Unit was sponsored by the Saturday Evening Post Society and made possible by a grant from the Schering-Plough Corporation. Medical experts from the University of Kansas Medical Center and volunteer phlebotomists from Hutchinson and Wichita staffed the screening booth.

"I want to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to ensure that every man who wanted a test got one," Dole added.

Dole will also bring his message of early detection to the airwaves in Public Service Announcements during Prostate Cancer Awareness Week, September 27 -- October 10.

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