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**FORMER WCVB REPORTER AND BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR KELLEY TUTHILL
TO SPEAK AT OCTOBER CHAMBER LUNCHEON**

NEWBURYPORT – Ten years ago Kelley Tuthill was an award-winning journalist at Boston’s WCVB Channel 5. Just 36 years old, at the peak of her career and having recently given birth to her second child, Kelley received a devastating diagnosis in December of 2006: stage 3 breast cancer. While many choose understandably to keep their battles private, Kelley shared her struggle through diagnosis, treatment and recovery with the world through “Kelley’s Story,” a ten-part series documenting her struggle that was featured on “Good Morning America” and CNN and is to this day an inspiration to so many going through cancer.

On Friday, October 28th, Kelley will share her journey, speak about life after breast cancer, and discuss why there are so many reasons to be hopeful at ‘Celebrating Survival’, a luncheon cosponsored by Gerrish Breast Care Center at Anna Jaques Hospital and the Institution for Savings in conjunction with the Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon will take place from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Nicholson Hall on Harris Street in Newburyport.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the luncheon is one of a number of events taking place in the community to highlight this illness. About one in eight US women will develop invasive breast cancer in their lifetimes. There are currently more than 2.8 million breast cancer survivors currently in the US.

“Since opening the Gerrish Breast Care Center three years ago, Anna Jaques has helped care for hundreds of patients and families facing a potential diagnosis of breast cancer,” said Anna Jaques Hospital President & CEO Mark L. Goldstein. “We hope Kelley Tuthill’s personal story of hope, optimism, and resilience will bring comfort and inspiration to so many people in our community whose lives have been touched by cancer. It is an honor to co-host this annual luncheon to raise awareness of the importance of early detection and to celebrate all those who have bravely fought and won their battle against breast cancer.”

“Most of us know someone who has been affected by breast cancer,” said Institution for Savings President/CEO Michael J. Jones. “We have had a number of employees in our IFS family go through it. Our support of awareness and early detection, whether it is through our donation last year to Anna Jaques Hospital to purchase state of the art 3D mammography equipment or our awareness efforts every October in all offices, is unwavering. We look forward to having Kelley Tuthill here to share her courageous story of perseverance in facing cancer head on and know she will be an inspiration to men and women alike.”

The luncheon is open to the public on a first-come first serve basis and will also feature a silent auction prior to the luncheon to benefit support services at Anna Jaques Hospital’s Gerrish Breast Care Center. Tickets are \$35 each, include lunch catered by the Carry Out Café and are available at the Chamber Office, 40R Merrimac Street, Newburyport, or online at newburyportchamber.org.

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