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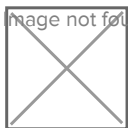
Highbridge Residents Get Free Mammograms

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State Senator José M. Serrano, Assemblywoman Vanessa Gibson and the Project Renewal Scan Van Program today offered free Mammogram Screenings for eligible women in the Highbridge section of the Bronx.

“All women can take an active part in the early detection of breast cancer by having regular visits to the doctor, self breast exams and periodic mammograms,” said Senator Serrano.

“However, for uninsured women, getting a mammogram can be costly and inconvenient. That’s why we’re bringing the Scan Van to local residents throughout the 28th District in the next few weeks.”

A mammogram is a special X-ray used to create detailed images of the breast. The National Cancer Institute recommends that women age 40 and older have a screening mammogram every one to two years. Mammograms can help detect a breast cancer tumor years before a lump can be felt by touch.

Senator Serrano and the Scan Van will be at three more locations ([East Harlem](#), [Roosevelt Island](#), and [Yorkville](#)) in the coming weeks.

Senator Serrano concluded: "If more women took advantage of early detection tests for breast cancer, countless lives could be saved. Breast cancer affects far too many of our mothers, sisters, daughters and friends, and we must take a proactive approach to keeping our communities healthy."

[Click here](#) to view the flyer with date and location information for future mammogram events.