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Senator Fuschillo, County Executive Mangano, and Ccmac Team Up to Provide Free Skin Cancer Screening Program

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Photo caption: Senator Fuschillo (right), County Executive Mangano (second right), Assemblyman Dave McDonough (second left), and CCMAC Co-founder Colette Coyne (left) watch a demonstration of a derma scan machine, which shows the user damage to the skin on their face caused by the sun which is not visible to the naked eye.

New York State Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. (R-Merrick), Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano, and the Colette Coyne Melanoma Awareness Campaign (CCMAC) today teamed up to help protect residents from skin cancer after a summer in the sun by sponsoring a free skin cancer screening program. The program, which enabled residents to get screened by a dermatologist, attracted a huge crowd and was very successful.

“Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer, but can be treated effectively if it’s detected early enough. After spending a summer in the sun, this is a great time for individuals to be safe and get screened. I am pleased to have partnered with County Executive Mangano and CCMAC to offer this service to our residents,” said Senator Fuschillo.

“This time of year, we all must be extra cautious to keep ourselves and our families safe and healthy. I am proud to join with Senator Fuschillo and CCMAC in this initiative and urge people to protect themselves from skin cancer by getting screened throughout the year,” said County Executive Mangano.

“Skin cancer is the fastest growing cancer in America, yet it is also the most preventable. Being sun smart, getting screened, and doing monthly self body checks will greatly reduce the risks of developing skin cancer. Helping people ‘know the skin they’re in’ will go a long way to keeping them safe. I am pleased to be partnering with Senator Fuschillo and County Executive Mangano to provide this service,” said Colette Coyne, co-founder and Executive Director of CCMAC.

In an effort to further raise awareness, CCMAC used a “derma scan” machine to show residents some of the damage the skin on their face has suffered through sun exposure. The “derma scan” machine picks up skin damage which is not visible to the naked eye.

Skin cancer is the most common of all cancer types, according to the American Cancer Society. More than 2 million skin cancers are diagnosed in the U.S. each year, more than prostate, breast, lung, colon, uterus, ovarian, and pancreatic cancers combined.

According to CCMAC, one in five people will be diagnosed with some type of skin cancer in their lifetime. Malignant melanoma, a form of skin cancer, is the fastest growing cancer in America, claiming one life every hour. People of all ethnic backgrounds and races can get skin cancer. One blistering sunburn during childhood or adolescence more than doubles melanoma risk later in life.

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