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Senator Fuschillo & Ccmac Sponsor Free Skin Cancer Screening Program

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New York State Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. (R-Merrick) and the Colette Coyne Melanoma Awareness Campaign (CCMAC) today partnered to sponsor a free skin cancer screening program to help protect residents from skin cancer. The program was held at Wantagh Park.

“Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer, but can be treated effectively if it’s detected early. That’s why it’s so important to get screened regularly,” said Senator Fuschillo. “After spending the summer months outdoors enjoying the warm weather, now is a great time to be safe and get screened. I thank CCMAC for once again joining with me to offer this valuable service.”

“Skin cancer is the fastest growing cancer in America, but it is also the most preventable. By getting screened regularly and being sun smart, people can greatly reduce their risk of developing skin cancer and increase their chances of detecting skin cancer early. We are pleased to partner with Senator Fuschillo to again provide this important program and thank the dedicated physicians who help make it possible,” said Colette Coyne, co-founder and Executive Director of CCMAC.

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.

CCMAC worked with Dr. Jeffrey Ellis & Dr. Amy Slear of Belaray Dermatology, Dr. Steve McClain of McClain Labs, and doctors from Stony Brook Hospital Dermatology Service to provide the free screenings.

Senator Fuschillo (right) and Assemblyman Dave McDonough (left) are pictured with CCMAC co-founder and Executive Director Colette Coyne (second left), and some of the doctors who performed the free screenings.

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