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June Events Promote Free Cancer Screens “Philipson’s and Price Chopper Partner with Cancer Services Program”

Uninsured and underinsured men and women living in Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties will have two opportunities during the month of June to enroll in the Cancer Services Program that provides free screenings for colorectal, cervical and breast cancer.

On **Friday, June 18th**, as part of Men’s Health Week, representatives of the Cancer Services Program will be on hand in the sporting goods departments of all four Herb Philipson’s Army & Navy stores in New Hartford, Rome, Oneida and Herkimer from **1pm to 4 pm** providing free do-it-yourself at home colorectal cancer screening kits to all uninsured men fifty years of age and older. Educational information will be available and everyone is eligible to win a 50-dollar gift certificate to Herb Philipson’s.

Price Chopper is partnering with the Cancer Services Program on **Wednesday, June 23rd** in its South Utica location 1917 Genesee Street from **2 pm to 4 pm**. Representatives will there to provide free ‘at home’ colorectal screening kits to uninsured or underinsured men 50-64 years of age and to enroll uninsured or underinsured women 40-64 years of age for free cervical and breast cancer screening. Everyone who enrolls in the Cancer Services Program and gets screened will receive a special gift.

The Cancer Services Program of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties is funded through the New York State Department of Health Cancer Services Program and provides free cancer screenings to eligible men and women in Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties. Follow-up tests and treatments are also provided to qualified participants through the program.

“Early detection results in the best outcomes of most cancer treatments, and the Cancer Services Program insures that no one be deprived these valuable screenings because of prohibitive costs and lack of insurance,” Wendy Hunt, Program Coordinator said.

For more information on the Cancer Services Program of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties call 798-5248 or visit the Oneida County Health Department’s web site at ocgov.net.

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