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I said, 'I better try to get this free mammogram.' Because I didn't have health insurance. And I'm glad that I did because if I hadn't done that, I never would have found that the lump that I had was actually breast cancer.

The *ScanVan*, our mobile breast cancer and tuberculosis screening clinic, was launched in 2007 to promote good health for low-income New Yorkers. We now offer breast health screening at 150 sites serving predominately minority, non-English speaking, and low-income women without insurance. Sites include homeless shelters and drop-in centers where we do chest x-rays for men and women as well.

A victim of budget shortfalls, the New York State Cancer Services Program (NYS CSP) budget will be cut by \$8.3 million next year. **This will mean that uninsured women who have been provided with annual, essential, and potentially life-saving screening mammography on board our mobile radiology van may be turned away.** Last year we screened 3,200 uninsured women. This year we have funding to cover only 1,200 through NYS CSP. This means we must reduce visits to community centers to 4 days a week from 6.

In the past, we have been able to enroll uninsured women 40 and older that have not had a recent mammogram.. However, new restrictions now limit the number of clients we serve and we will not be funded to re-screen 50% of our patients 50 and older and 100% of our uninsured women age 40-49. This hurts the working poor, uninsured and underinsured women who count on the services we provide. **As the number of individuals who lose their jobs and insurance grows, we need your help more than ever to ensure that we can continue to treat these women before it's too late.**

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New MedVan Arrives!

Project Renewal's new and improved MedVan—healthcare on wheels—arrived this week! The old van was destroyed last year in a fire. While the cost to replace the van was well over \$200,000, with the help of our supporters and donors, the MedVan will be back to its regular schedule early this summer. Hassan Miller, Senior MedVan Technician, said "We're looking forward to being back on the street full-time. Even though we were able to continue to treat all of our clients by setting up clinics in soup kitchens and community centers, the new van will give our clients the privacy they need."



As the only source of healthcare for over 2,000 homeless adults in New York City, the MedVan provides critical preventive, emergency, psychiatric and primary care services at 15 locations in Manhattan, Harlem and Brooklyn each week. Now with the new van, we will implement expanded services at even more locations. The generosity of the Hyde and Watson Foundation and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS helped stock the van with new medical equipment.

GALA BENEFIT & AUCTION

New This Year:

Exciting New Prizes, A Special Video Greeting from the cast of *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart!* The new MedVan will be parked outside of the Waldorf for tours. Come see the van from 6 to 7 p.m.! Seeds of Hope Raffle! Enter to win dinners, spa certificates, shopping sprees, theater tickets and much, much more!

Just look at some of this year's generous donors:



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6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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New York New York

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