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MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC TO SCREEN HOMELESS

A mobile health clinic designed to screen homeless New Yorkers for tuberculosis and breast cancer will be unveiled tomorrow at City Hall.

The 40-foot ScanVan will traverse the city equipped with digital X-ray and mammography equipment, according to the homeless advocacy group that will operate the van, Project Renewal. Three medical professionals will staff the \$650,000 ScanVan. Project Renewal officials said they hope to screen 5,000 individuals annually and they that will facilitate follow-up care if necessary.

A recent daily census of homeless New Yorkers by the city's Department of Homeless Services tallied 35,853 homeless individuals, among them 6,796 homeless single adults and 9,499 homeless families.

The ScanVan was paid for by the state Department of Health, the City Council, and private foundations.