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FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS PROVIDED TO VISITORS AT GLEN ISLAND PARK TODAY

Through a collaborative event of Westchester County Department of Health and CancerCare of Connecticut and Westchester County, 45 beach goers received free skin cancer screenings at Glen Island Park in New Rochelle today and 17 of them, about one-third of those screened, were referred for additional medical follow-up.

Screenings were offered on a first-come, first-serve basis, in tents located near the beach entrance. Board-certified dermatologists Murray Zung, M.D., and Barbara Lukash, M.D, who both practice in New Rochelle, volunteered their time to perform the screenings.

Skin cancer is curable when treated in its earliest stages. But few individuals routinely examine their skin for changes and most don't know the signs of melanoma or other forms of skin cancer.

For those who missed out on today's screenings, CancerCare will also be hosting similar free skin cancer screenings at Penfield Beach in Fairfield, CT on July 16; and at the Greenburgh Town Pool on July 22, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

CancerCare is a national organization that provides free professional support services to anyone in the U.S. affected by cancer: people with cancer, caregivers, children, loved ones and the bereaved. CancerCare programs include counseling, education, financial assistance and practical help, from Master's level oncology social workers.

For more information about CancerCare of Connecticut, go to www.cancercare.org or contact Lisa Cannella, Regional Director at 203 854-9911, or by email, lcannella@cancercare.org.