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Cancer Institute Partners on Tobacco Compliance Checks

The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, in conjunction with the Partnership for a Tobacco Free Northeast PA and the Lackawanna County District Attorney's office is conducting tobacco compliance checks throughout Lackawanna County.

A compliance check is an unannounced attempt to purchase tobacco by youth in an effort to monitor sales of tobacco products to persons under the age of 18. In Pennsylvania, state law prohibits the sale of tobacco to minors. Retailers who sell tobacco to youth will be held accountable for that sale through the tobacco compliance check program. Tobacco compliance checks will take place periodically throughout the year.

According to Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, 21.5 million packs of cigarettes are bought or smoked by youth (under 18) each year.

"We have performed tobacco compliance checks on several hundred licensed tobacco retailers," said Andrew Jarbola, Lackawanna County District Attorney. "Just over 30 retailers were cited for illegal sale of tobacco to minors."

Underage youth who volunteer to participate in this program are trained and are supervised by adults during the tobacco purchase attempt. "Many students who volunteer for this opportunity want to help keep their community safe," said Jane Oswald, Tobacco Outreach Coordinator at the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute. "Other students decide to use this experience for service credits toward scout requirements or senior projects."

The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, in conjunction with The Partnership for a Tobacco Free Northeast Pennsylvania, provides tobacco prevention, cessation, compliance, and outreach services throughout Lackawanna County in partnership with local social service and healthcare professionals, policymakers, school districts, law enforcement professionals, businesses, and residents.

To learn more about the Lackawanna Tobacco Control Program, please contact the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute at (570) 941-7984 or visit www.cancernepa.org.



The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute in conjunction with the Partnership for a Tobacco Free Northeast PA and the Lackawanna County District Attorney's office are conducting tobacco compliance checks throughout Lackawanna County. Pictured is Grace McDermott of Nickie's Fabulous Hoagies, reviewing an id of an unidentified tobacco purchaser.



Free Skin Cancer Screenings Made Available to Uninsured Residents of Lackawanna County

According to the National Cancer Institute, skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. More than 1 million skin cancer cases are diagnosed annually.

The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, Scranton Temple Residency Program (STRP) and The Blue Ribbon Foundation of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania partnered to offer the Skin Cancer Screening Access Program.

The Skin Cancer Screening Access Program was a campaign to educate uninsured residents of Lackawanna County about risk factors, sun protection, early signs of skin cancer, strategies for self-examination, and the need for examination by a clinician experienced in diagnosing skin cancer. Five free skin cancer screenings were conducted as well as education and outreach programs for nearly 300 adult participants.

Through collaboration with STRP, free screenings were available for uninsured residents of Lackawanna County between April 15th and June 23rd in Scranton.

Funding for the Skin Cancer Screening Access Program was provided by The Blue Ribbon Foundation of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, STRP, and the Cancer Institute.

During the five free screening events, biopsies of 69 suspicious lesions were collected. Five cancers were detected and 11 lesions were identified as high risk, or lesions that are not cancerous but have a high risk for transforming into cancer in the future. Follow up care for the cancerous and high risk lesions were performed at STRP.

“We are very pleased that we had an opportunity to partner with these organizations and provide free skin cancer screenings to individuals who have benefited from this care,” said Samuel M. Lesko, MD, MPH, Director of Research and Medical Director at the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute.

For more information on skin cancer prevention or risk factors for skin cancer, contact the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute or visit www.cancernepa.org.

Free Skin Cancer Screening
for uninsured residents of Lackawanna County

Limited free skin cancer screenings will take place between April 15th and May 30th in Scranton.

Call the **Northeast Regional Cancer Institute** at **(570) 941-7984** for your free skin cancer screening appointment or for more information.

Appointments are needed, no drop-ins allowed.
Call today for your appointment: (570) 941-7984

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The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute recently recognized Samia Arroyo and North Penn Legal Services for their support of a free skin cancer screening program for uninsured adults in Lackawanna County. Samia Arroyo dedicated several hours of her time one day each week at the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute office to translate skin cancer information in Spanish and help Spanish speaking individuals schedule a free skin cancer screening.

Presenting Samia Arroyo (left) is Patricia Lawless, Community Outreach Specialist at the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute.



Cancer Institute Welcomes New Employees

Christopher Kelly, of Moscow, has joined the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute as Administrative Coordinator. He is responsible for managing income development services including special events, volunteer recruitment, grant writing, and sponsorship development and recognition. Mr. Kelly received his bachelor's degree in Communications from Penn State University.

Janice Mecadon, of Pittston, has been named Research Staff Assistant. She is responsible for providing support to the research department by handling all word processing tasks including grant applications and reports. Ms. Mecadon brings a variety of skills to the Cancer Institute, including her experience as a practice manager for a physician group and office manager for a full service cancer center.

Judy Rose, of Honesdale, has joined as Research Interviewer. She is responsible for collecting and processing research data, contacting research participants, conducting interviews, and performing data entry. Ms. Rose has extensive experience in various business environments, most recently as Senior Administrative

Assistant at The Institute for Genomic Research in Rockville, Maryland.

Stefanie E. Skoniecki, of Emmaus, has been named Research Associate. Her responsibilities include identifying eligible research participants from the Lehigh Valley area and conducting interviews. Ms. Skoniecki received her bachelor's degree from Elizabethtown College in Psychology and English and her master's degree from Kutztown University in Counseling Psychology.

Nancy Ziegler, of Fogelsville, has joined as Research Interviewer. She is responsible for identifying research participants, conducting interviews, and performing data entry in our Lehigh Valley office. Ms. Ziegler received her bachelor's degree from Moravian College in Medical Technology.

Ways to Give to the Cancer Institute

You can Donate, Participate, or Volunteer your time with the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute. Here are some specific ways to get involved:

General Donation

- Every dollar you give to the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute goes towards easing the burden of cancer in your local community.

Join an Event

- Participate in fundraising efforts and volunteer with activities.

Matching Gifts

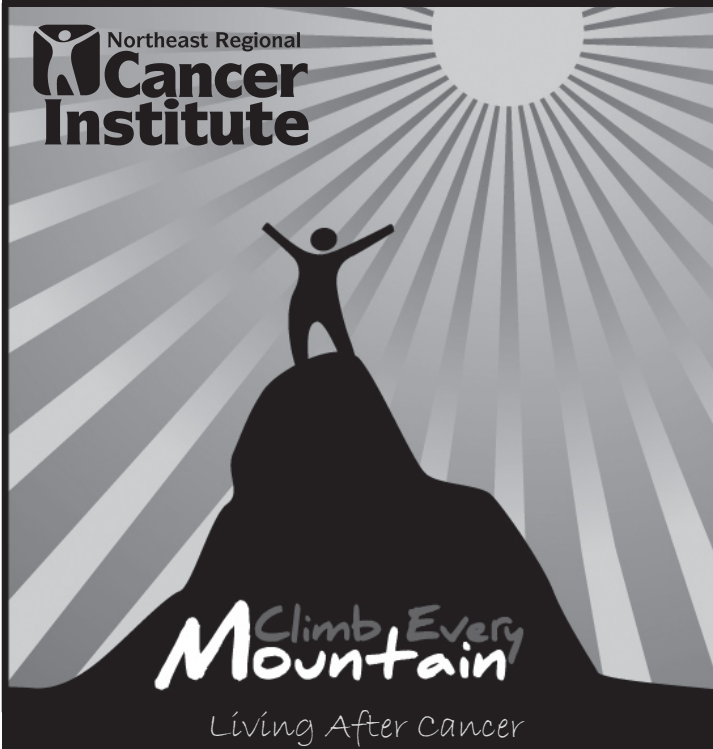
- Find out if your company will match gifts to the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute. It's an easy way to double your donation.

Gifts in Memory or in Honor of someone special to you

- Celebrate the memory of a loved one or recognize someone close to you, including cancer survivors.

*100% of your donation is tax-deductible and
100% stays right here in Northeastern Pennsylvania.*

16th Annual Cancer Survivors Celebration

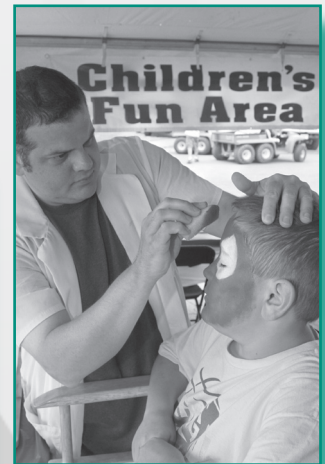


On Saturday, June 14th cancer survivors from Northeastern Pennsylvania gathered to celebrate life at the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute's 16th Annual Cancer Survivors Celebration.

The event theme Climb Every Mountain... Living After Cancer was a tribute to the activities that cancer survivors have invested in to improve their lives as survivors. David DeCosmo of WYOU-TV, cancer survivor, was event emcee. Samantha Lockwood, an ovarian cancer survivor and rock climber spoke at the event and offered inspirational words of advice on survivorship.

This year's event offered family fun filled with information display booths, the survivor banner, caricatures, and the cancer survivors art therapy project, which were among the many activities offered during the Cancer Survivors Celebration!





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live in the now

things will always happen of which we have no control
our lives should flow freely we need not grab on or hold

for the ride of life has no seatbelts attached
no escape routes, no exits, no ways and no catch

it is free to one and all with no hidden agenda or plan
as our life maps have been created as only God can

so let go of the past as our sins have been atoned
do not live in the future for that is still of the unknown

but rather live in the now, as we have only today
no need to worry or fret, God will show us the way

Margaret E Male
Cancer Survivor

Share Your Story of Survivorship

We would like to feature your story in our upcoming newsletter.

To share your story with our readers, please send your story to editor@cancernepa.org or write to

Cancer Survivor Story,
Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, 334 Jefferson Avenue,
Scranton, PA 18510.

It's all in the **GAME!**
Save the Date...

Thursday, October 9, 2008 6 - 9 p.m.

Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, Scranton



Thursday, October 23, 2008 6 - 9 p.m.

Genetti Hotel & Conference Center, Wilkes-Barre

Join your colleagues and friends for a night of fun and games to benefit the
Northeast Regional Cancer Institute

For more information, please contact the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute at
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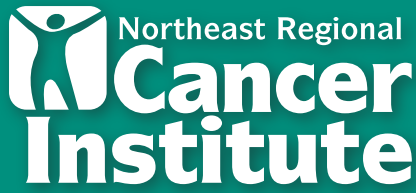
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Free Skin Cancer Screening for Uninsured Adults



Pictured (left) are program partners for the Skin Cancer Screening Access initiative, (center) STRP Residents, Dr. Linda Thomas, Dr. Samuel Lesko, and Dr. Mark Marcilli during the skin cancer screening, and (right) STRP Resident examines a screening participant.

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