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FREE Mammograms, Pap Tests, Breast & Pelvic Exams are Available for Uninsured Women in Illinois!

*Champaign-Urbana Public Health District's IBCCP Program to Hold
Enrollment Days in Champaign & Danville this Week*

Champaign, IL – The local office of the Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP), located at the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD), will be holding program enrollment days for uninsured women ages 35-64. Once enrolled in the IBCCP program, qualified women will have access to FREE mammograms, pap tests, breast and pelvic exams.

Enrollment days will include:

Champaign County:

Thursday, March 27, 2008
8:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Frances Nelson Health Center
819 West Bloomington Road
Champaign, IL 61822

Vermilion County:

Friday, March 28, 2008
8:30am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Aunt Martha's Vermilion Area Community Health Center
614 North Gilbert
Danville, IL 61832

Enrollment is quick and easy. Women are requested to bring proof of age and income to complete the enrollment process. A representative of the IBCCP program will be available to answer questions.

Interested women unable to attend one of the scheduled enrollment days are encouraged to contact the IBCCP program at the new CUPHD location at 201 West Kenyon Road in Champaign or call 217-373-9281 or toll free at 1-877-811-0193 for additional information on the IBCCP program or the enrollment process.

“Breast and cervical cancer are serious concerns for women”, said Cathy Propst, Program Coordinator of the IBCCP for CUPHD. “Statistics show that as a woman ages, her chance of developing breast cancer increases. Mammograms, pap tests, breast, and pelvic exams promote early detection and increase the chance for successful treatment and overall survival rates for women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer.”

Not counting some kinds of skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common kind of cancer in women in the United States. Last year over 40,000 women died from breast cancer, and 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer sometime in their lives.

Cervical cancer used to be the leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States. However the deaths from cervical cancer have decreased due largely to women having access to regular pap tests and pelvic exams. Regular pap tests are a crucial tool in identifying pre-cancer before it turns into cancer. Last year over 11,000 women in the United States were diagnosed with cervical cancer, and over 3,500 died from the disease.

For more information on the Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) or any other CUPHD program, please contact CUPHD at (217) 352-7961 or visit CUPHD on the web at www.cuphd.org.

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