

Since 1994, the Prevent Cancer Foundation has partnered with Spanish Catholic Center in Washington, DC, to implement *¡Celebremos la Vida!* (Let's Celebrate Life!), a program which provides breast and cervical cancer education and screening to medically underserved Hispanic women over 40 years of age in the Washington, DC, area. In 1996, *Celebremos* launched at Georgetown University. In 2004, the program expanded to Family Health Partnership Clinic in McHenry County, IL, and, four years later, Spanish Catholic Center



Learning about "Hidden Sugars" in favorite drinks

extended Celebremos and is now in the McCarrick Family Center in Silver Spring, MD.

*¡Celebremos la Vida!* ensures that participants receive free/low-cost comprehensive education and screening in a setting that is culturally appropriate and nurturing. This environment encourages women to return for yearly check-ups, take care of their health and promote the message of early detection to other women in their families and communities. Bilingual and bicultural patient navigators ensure continuum of care. If breast or cervical cancer is detected, the navigator works with collaborating medical centers to ensure follow-up and treatment, regardless of ability to pay.



Getting healthy at Prevent Cancer Foundation's 2016 5k

- Since its inception, the *Celebremos* program has provided over 15,800 screening and diagnostic mammograms and over 10,300 Pap tests.
- Nearly 15,600 *Celebremos* participants and accompanying friends and family members have received health education.
- To date, 54 women have been diagnosed with cancer, and all have received treatment.

*Campeonas contra el cáncer del seno* (Champions Against Breast Cancer) is a project developed through *¡Celebremos la Vida!* in which women who have received breast cancer screenings are trained to encourage family and friends to get screened as well. For more information and to see the materials visit: <u>www.campeonas.org</u>.

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