

QC holds breast, cervical cancer screening caravan

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The Quezon City government, through the office of Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte**, has rolled out a free breast and cervical cancer screening caravan in local communities as part of the celebration of International Women's Month.

The caravan, held in partnership with the Philippine Cancer Society, will go to different barangays in the city this month to offer free breast and cervical cancer screening to women residents.

“I encourage women to undergo these kinds of screening so that we can detect early the signs of cervical and breast cancer. Early detection of those irregularities is important because that dictates if the cancer is still curable or not,” said Belmonte.

Belmonte said the promotion of women's healthcare is a personal advocacy as her mother, STAR founder Betty Go-Belmonte, died of complications caused by breast cancer in 1994.

“Take advantage of this program by our city, and have yourselves checked and examined. And we assure you that if you show symptoms or if you have these illnesses, we will take care of you until you totally recover,” added the vice mayor.