

## Letter to the Editor

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### **Hispanic Outreach Services Celebrates Cinco de Mayo**

Hispanic Outreach Services, an agency of Catholic Charities of Albany, is celebrating Cinco de Mayo in remembrance of the victory that the Mexican had over the French on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1862. Today, the victory is about bringing health awareness among the Latinos in the Capital District communities.

The celebration begins in Amsterdam on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> (Cinco de Mayo) at the Amsterdam Housing Authority, 52 Division Street in the Community Room. The celebration will be from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Albany will also celebrate Cinco de Mayo in a separate celebration on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Hispanic Outreach Services is working in collaboration with community program, Cancer Services Program of Fulton and Montgomery Counties, who offer comprehensive health information on cancer screenings in the two-county area. The Cancer Services Program has been instrumental in bringing awareness to the importance of getting screened for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer.

The Cancer Services Program offers free breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings to individuals without insurance. The program is free for men and women between the ages of 40 and 64. It is important for everyone to get these screenings.

Cinco de Mayo's cultural and informative celebration continues the efforts of this very important initiative and the education that the Cancer Services Program provides.

For more information or to register for the Cinco de Mayo celebration, please call Hispanic Outreach Services at (518) 843-0004. If you would like more information on the free services offered by the Cancer Services Program, please contact Suzanne Hagadorn at (518) 770-7516 or by email at [hagadorns@smha.org](mailto:hagadorns@smha.org).