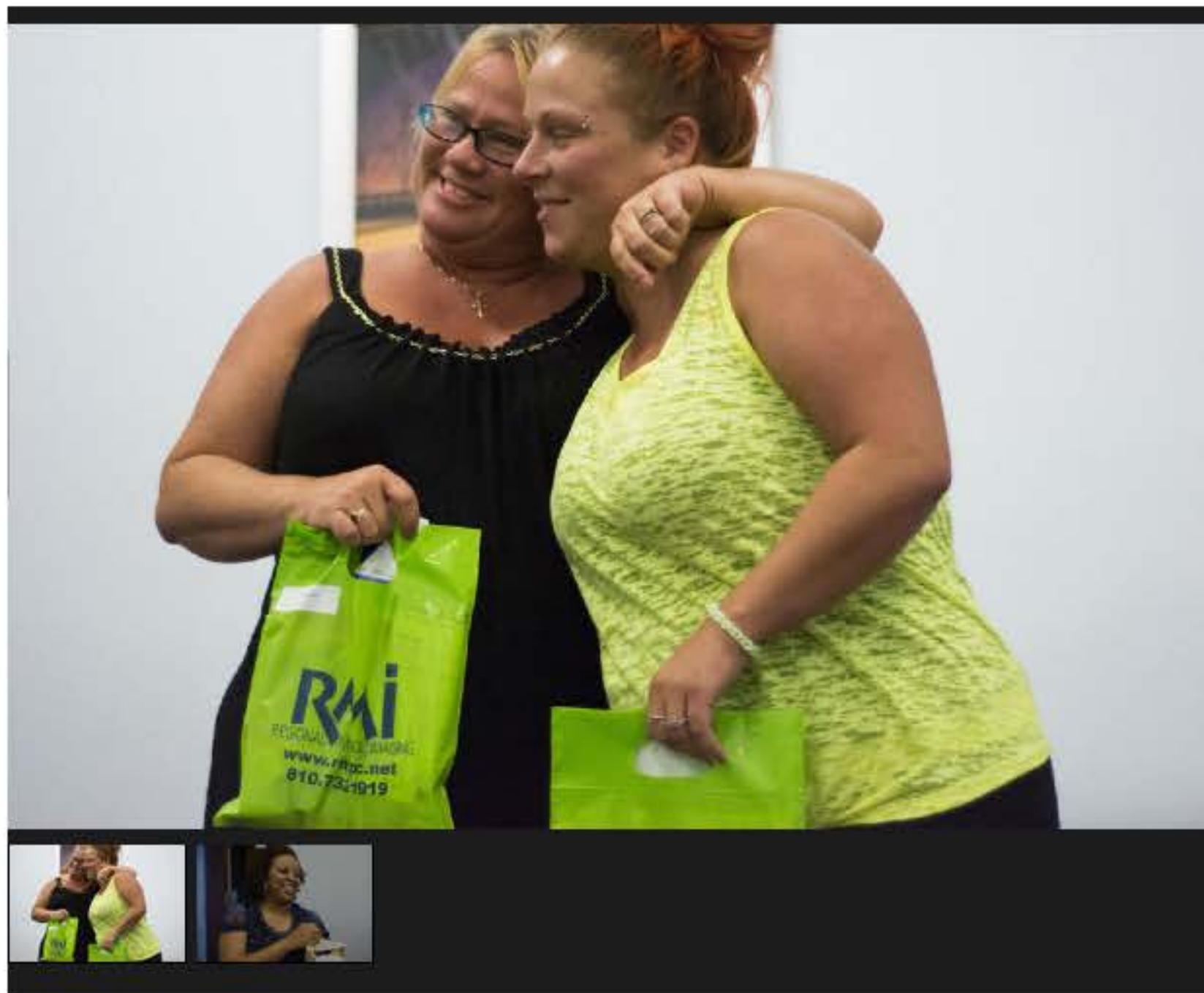




Flint-area women stress importance of mammograms at free movie night in Grand Blanc



Kellie Kehus and her daughter Cathleen Kaczorowski of Davison enjoy the free film "Moms Night Out" provided to them by RMI in celebration of Women's Health Month on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at the NCG Trillium Cinema in Grand Blanc. Katie McLean | MLive.com

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GRAND BLANC, MI – Jasmin Everson is not afraid of breast cancer. But she worries about other women who may fear mammograms and other preventive treatments.

"Women need to get mammograms, and not be afraid," Everson said. "It's not that scary. I was terrified until I did it. Once I did, I had to get on Facebook and tell other people it wasn't that bad.

"You're going to worry a lot less. Just go and do it."

Everson, along with about 50 other women from Flint and the surrounding areas, attended a free movie night at Trillium Cinema in Grand Blanc Thursday, May 29.

The event was hosted by medical scanning firm Region Medical Screenings as part of Women's Health Month.

Vouchers for free tickets to "Moms' Night Out " were offered by RMI in four ways: coming into any of their six offices for screenings, liking RMI on Facebook, attending local support groups or from affiliated women's health organizations.

Cathleen Kaczorowski said breast cancer is the biggest issue facing women's health. She said several of her family members have suffered from the disease, including a cousin who has survived breast cancer twice, and just finished her final chemotherapy treatment last month.

"Checking for breast cancers is essential," Kaczorowski said. "It hurts, but it's worth it."

Kaczorowski said she enjoyed the film, and commended RMI for reaching out to the community, and encouraging women to be screened.

"It was a great thing, and they should do this more often," she said. "It's going to get the word out, and get more women to get checked out."

Alita Prince, a graphic designer for RMI, attended the screening with her mother. She said RMI has a strong focus on working with the community.

The firm has two offices in Flint, and one each in Fenton, Davison and Grand Blanc.

"This just shows that we are about the community," Prince said. "It's our family taking care of your family. We just want people to be comfortable."

About one in eight woman will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. The organization recommends women should start mammogram screenings at the age of 40.

Marketing Coordinator for RMI John Jamieson, who organized the event, stressed the importance of celebrating the women in the community in the fight against the disease.

"We're very proud to host the women of our community to a movie night, and we hope to do it again," he said. "We have continued to reach out to the community, and be a part of the community, not just a business."

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