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Women look out for their health during Riverland mammogram screening in Austin

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AUSTIN, Minn. (KTTC) - Women looking out for their health may sometimes need to be reminded to get a mammogram. Health officials in Austin are giving women an opportunity to do that this week. Women came out to Riverland Community College to for their mammograms.

A Mankato-based community health center known as Open Door sends a mobile medical unit to Austin on a monthly basis. Wednesday, they partnered with Riverland and Sage Screening Programs to provide mammograms. Health experts say women should get checked often to prevent potential future health issues.

"It's super important," explains Open Door Community Outreach Specialist Lauren Mendez McConkey, "and prevention and screenings are always the most effective means that you can take to prevent any further illness. What we do know is that early detection is the best way to get on a good treatment plan. You know, we always hope that we're healthy and we can stay healthy, but if, God forbid, we should be presented with cancer the best way to treat it is to treat it early."

Open Door provides services with a discount through the Sage program. They were able to offer services covered through the program to those that qualify. Checkups took place Wednesday at Riverland's west campus.

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