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## SmokeFree Dutchess

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### **WORLD CANCER DAY - February 4th, 2008**

Poughkeepsie, NY - World Cancer Day is February 4th, 2008. This year's campaign is to protect children around the world from second-hand smoke. SmokeFree Dutchess is joining with the Dutchess County Cancer Control Consortium in a combined effort to raise public awareness about the need to protect all children from second-hand smoke.

"We have known for years that tobacco products and exposure to second-hand smoke causes cancer," said SmokeFree Dutchess Chairperson Ron L. Lipp "This is a great opportunity for our community to address areas where we can provide our children with healthy environments in which to grow."

According to the Office on Smoking and Health, nearly 60% of U.S. children, 3 to 11 years of age, or almost 22 million children, are exposed to secondhand smoke.

This year's World Cancer Day message is that second-hand smoke is a health hazard to you and your family. There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke. SmokeFree Dutchess encourages everyone to make their home and cars smoke-free. For more information log onto [www.smokefreedutchess.net](http://www.smokefreedutchess.net)

For more information on secondhand smoke, please visit [http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data\\_statistics/Factsheets/SecondhandSmoke.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/Factsheets/SecondhandSmoke.htm)

For more information on cancer issues in Dutchess County go to [www.cancerfreedutchess.net](http://www.cancerfreedutchess.net)

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