



Event

SPECTRUM Monday 10 November 2008

WHAT: Forum for Assyrian Chaldean women: Fighting cancer by calling it by its name
WHEN: Monday 10 November 2008, from 9.00am to 2.30pm
WHERE: St Mary's Orthodox Church, 56-58 Kyabram Street, Coolaroo

The forum, organised by Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre (SMRC) and the Cancer Council of Victoria, is run entirely in the Assyrian Chaldean language with the assistance of interpreters. The forum is open to women of all ages and aims to raise awareness about the ways in which prevention and early detection can reduce the risk of cancer. Participants will be able to get the advice from experts, as well as meet other women who are affected or who have someone suffering from cancer in their family. Guest speakers will be from the Cancer Council of Victoria, BreastScreen Victoria and from the Moreland Community Health Service.

During the forum, participants will also see *The Hope of the Survivors*, a DVD created by **Ms Edwina Dinkha, SMRC's Settlement Consultant** as part of her settlement work, containing the testimony of five Assyrian Chaldean women of different ages. "We met and I asked them three simple questions: tell me about yourself, tell me how you found out, and tell me what advice you can give to other women watching this DVD" explained **Ms Dinkha**. "The aim of the DVD is to help other women cope with their diagnosis and let them know they are not alone out there. For those that can't make the forum, I encourage them to visit our website where they'll be able to download the DVD very soon."

DVD in Assyrian Chaldean will be soon available to download from www.spectrumvic.org.au

The forum for Assyrian Chaldean women is a free event but registration is required. To register, call Edwina Dinkha at SMRC on 9384 7902.

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