A woman who makes breast cancer screening possible for uninsured and low-income women and another who helps make sure justice is served in the New York state courts. Both were featured at the Women’s History Month celebration, held at the New York County Supreme Court on April 29 and sponsored by the Gender Fairness Committee of the New York County Supreme Court, Civil Branch.

Each year 230,000 women are diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. The Scan Van, a 40-foot van staffed with a board-certified radiologist, nurse and X-ray technician, and equipped with a digital mammography system, travels throughout the five boroughs to make testing easy and accessible. Scan Van helps “prevent the devastation that breast cancer can bring,” according to its director, Mary Solomon, the event’s keynote speaker.

Scan Van targets the medically underserved, who are more likely not to receive breast cancer screening on a regular basis. Service is provided to all patients at no out-of-pocket cost. “There is no reason that any woman who needs and desires a mammogram does not have one,” said Solomon.

Call 1-800-564-6868 to set up an appointment with Scan Van for breast cancer screening. No referrals are necessary.

After the keynote speech, the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Linell Hunter, Deputy Chief Court Attorney of the Law Department, New York County, Civil Term. Hunter, who was honored for her exemplary achievements and many years of distinguished and dedicated service to the court system, began her legal career in the New York State Unified Court System as a court attorney in 1987.

In her current position, she assists the judges of the Supreme Court by researching and drafting opinions for complex civil cases and works with Lawrence Birnbaum, Chief Court Attorney, in administering the law department.

“I can aspire to things my mother couldn’t even dream of for herself,” said Hunter on accepting her award in commemoration of Women’s History Month.