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Tee Off to Sink Domestic Violence

CRT Women’s Golf Tournament to Benefit Victims, Survivors in Newington July 30

HARTFORD—Community Renewal Team’s (CRT) upcoming, fourth annual “Tee Off with Women” golf tournament that raises funds for domestic violence prevention programs at CRT and Interval House has several roster spots remaining for singles or foursomes.

State Rep. Mae Flexer and Connecticut Victim’s Advocate Garvin G. Ambrose, Esq. will lead this year’s tournament set for July 30, 2013 at the Indian Hills Country Club in Newington. Last year’s tournament raised $28,000.

Proceeds from this year’s tournament will benefit Interval House and CRT programs that benefit women leaving relationships in which they have experienced domestic violence. Interval House serves survivors of domestic violence – primarily women and children – throughout Central Connecticut with locations in Hartford, Manchester and Simsbury. Working closely with many area shelters, CRT’s Supportive Housing Program provides rental subsidies and intensive case management in scattered sites around Central Connecticut.

Flexer, of Danielson, serves as the Chair of the Connecticut Task Force on Domestic Violence which in 2012 was responsible for introducing and leading passage of reforms that led to the most sweeping changes to the state's domestic violence statutes in almost 25 years. She also serves as an assistant majority leader and vice chair of the appropriations committee.

Former prosecutor Ambrose, of Vernon, began serving as victim’s advocate this past February, taking over for Michelle Cruze.

‘Tee Off’ attracts approximately 100 golfers each year, and golfers are registering for this year’s tournament now. The cost is $175 per player, which covers golf with a cart, lunch and dinner, and many perks from vendors on hand. Players may register singly or in foursomes. Sponsorship opportunities are available as well. For more information or to register, please call Nancy Shapiro at 860-560-5471 or go to: www.crtct.org/en/events/womens-golf-tournament.

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In its 50th anniversary year, Community Renewal Team, Inc. is the designated Community Action Agency for Middlesex and Hartford Counties and is the largest non-profit provider of human services in Connecticut. The agency’s mission is Preparing Our Community to Meet Life’s Challenges. The mission is achieved each day by helping people and families change their lives and create their own opportunities in becoming self-reliant while making sure basic needs are met. CRT’s programs include Head Start, Meals on Wheels, energy assistance, supportive housing and shelters, and many others, serving people in more than 60 cities and towns in both our core catchment area and throughout Connecticut. Visit the NEW www.crtct.org today!