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Community Renewal Team is Driving Out Domestic Violence

Agency holds state's only all-women golf tourney to benefit domestic violence survivors

HARTFORD – The fifth-annual **Tee Off with Women Golf Tournament is set for July 29 at Indian Hills Country Club in Newington**. Tee Off with Women is Connecticut's only all – women golf tournament to benefit victims of domestic violence.

State Rep. Mae Flexer and Connecticut Victim's Advocate Garvin G. Ambrose will lead this year's tournament. Dora Schriro, Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, will be the keynote speaker at the dinner. Emcee for the evening will be Allison Morris of Fox 61. Attendees will also hear from a domestic violence survivor who will share her story and what it meant to have access to domestic violence support services. She is now thriving as a sculptor whose work will be on display at the event.

Proceeds from the tournament support Interval House, Central Connecticut's primary provider of emergency shelter for women fleeing domestic violence. Proceeds also benefit CRT services that support women leaving abuse such as independent housing, counselling and assistance with basic needs, which are often neglected when fleeing a violent relationship and home life.

The tournament costs \$175 per player and includes a group photo, gift bag, lunch, shotgun start, cash bar and sushi, awards dinner and raffle. Sponsors are still needed to make this event truly successful. From the highest Eagle Sponsorship level of \$5,000 to an in-kind donation such as gift cards, theater tickets or restaurant gift certificates, every little bit helps to build a better future for women escaping violence. To play or become a sponsor at any level, call Nancy Shapiro at (860) 560-5471.

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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 www.crtct.org.