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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 eighth-annual **Tee Off with Women Golf Tournament** is set for **July 18 at Glastonbury Hills Country Club** featuring a special optional clinic for first time golfers wanting to learn the game. Tee Off with Women is Connecticut's only all – female golf tournament to fund prevention and services for survivors of domestic violence. Over 39,600 people received services last year from domestic violence agencies in Connecticut. Proceeds go to Interval House, Central Connecticut's primary provider of emergency shelter for women fleeing domestic violence, and the CRT services for women leaving abusive homes: family shelter, housing, counseling and assistance with basic needs.

The tournament and/or clinic costs \$250 per player which covers: golf cart, barbecue lunch, on-course beverages and group photos, games, player gifts and awards dinner. Many past players return because they enjoy the supportive atmosphere and camaraderie among the women players.

Sponsors are still needed to make this event truly successful. From the highest Ace Sponsorship level of \$10,000 to an in-kind donation such as gift cards or theater tickets for our raffles, every little bit helps to build a better future for women escaping violence.

Early sponsors of this year's tournament include Goodwin College, United Bank, TD Bank, Digital One Benefits Group and Eastern Connecticut State University.

Shotgun start begins at 11 am. Special Dinner and program immediately following play. For all details, please go to the CRT website, crtct.org . To play or become a sponsor at any level, please contact: Ilana Bernstein at 860 560-5657.

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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.