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**KATHY LEMAY TO INSPIRE YOUNG WOMEN AT YWCA EVENT
IN THE COMPANY OF WOMEN LUNCHEON CREATING OPPORTUNITES PROGRAM**



Thirty young women from the Hartford area will be attending YWCA Hartford Region's *In the Company of Women* Luncheon on April 6th as part of Creating Opportunities, a youth sponsorship program. This unique opportunity will introduce the diverse group of young women to the dynamics of women and philanthropy while fostering community involvement. Prior to the main event, the young women will have their own guest speaker [Kathy Lemay](#), global activist and author of *The Generosity Plan*.

Lemay is the founder, president and CEO of Raising Change, an organization that works with social change groups and philanthropists to empower women and girls around the world. She has raised more than \$100 million dollars for women's rights, hunger and poverty relief efforts, and has directed an additional \$100 million in philanthropic dollars to social organizations. Kathy has also provided social change fundraising and philanthropy trainings to hundreds of organizations throughout the world.

Among the young women attending the event are participants from YWCA Hartford Region's *Young Women's Leadership Corps* (YWLC), an after-school program that gives young women the power to persevere both personally and academically. After the morning program, participants will join over 1,500 women for the luncheon and keynote presentation by Lee Woodruff, author and advocate.

"The goal is to create a dynamic mentoring experience that aligns with YWCA's mission of empowering women," said Deborah Ullman, CEO YWCA Hartford Region. "Mentoring plays a profound role in young women's lives. Both Lemay and Woodruff are sure to inspire these young women to be the female leaders of tomorrow," she added. For more information about the *In the Company of Women* Luncheon, call 860-525-1163 ext. 269, or go to www.ywc Hartford.org.

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and services in the greater Hartford Region including child care, supportive housing, teen leadership development, racial justice awareness, financial literacy and economic empowerment. For more information, visit www.ywcahartford.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).