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## **Thousands Will Unite in YWCA Event to End Racism Third Annual *Stand Against Racism* will be held on April 29**

Hartford, CT- On Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> [YWCA Hartford Region](http://www.ywcahartford.org) and 40 participating sites from the Greater Hartford area and throughout the state will take a stand for racial justice with the annual *Stand Against Racism*. *Stand Against Racism* was created by YWCA in order to combat the spread of hate and honor and celebrate the richness of diversity while echoing the theme “racism is unacceptable!”

YWCA is calling on all individuals to join them in taking a *Stand Against Racism* by participating in one of the many events opened to the public. Each participating site will host their own *Stand Against Racism* event at their location. A list of participating sites in the Greater Hartford area and throughout the state can be found at [www.StandAgainstRacism.org](http://www.StandAgainstRacism.org).

YWCA Hartford Region will be hosting an event in Hartford, CT from 12 p.m. - 1p.m., and will feature an inspirational program on diversity. A light lunch will also be served. For more information about YWCA Hartford Region’s event, e-mail [info@ywcahartford.org](mailto:info@ywcahartford.org).

In addition, The Phoenix Companies is holding a series of programs at its Hartford headquarters throughout the week leading up to the Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> event including a variety of new ethnic entrees served in the company’s cafeteria, interactive skits performed by students from the Looking In Theater of the Greater Hartford Academy of Art, and a week-long “diversity headquarters” where employees can learn more about YWCA’s *Stand Against Racism*. On Friday, employees will gather to create a Human Chain, recite the *Stand Against Racism* pledge, share their thoughts and enjoy a “rainbow of colors” cupcake reception.

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Established in 1867, YWCA Hartford Region is the third oldest affiliate of YWCA, a women’s membership movement dedicated to **eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all**. YWCA Hartford Region provides programs

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](http://www.ywcahartford.org) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).