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Call to Action to Take a *Stand Against Racism*

Hartford, CT- On Friday, April 30, participants nationwide will raise their collective voices to rid our society of racism of any kind. *Stand Against Racism* is a program of YWCA aimed at raising awareness that racism still exists in our communities and that it can no longer be ignored or tolerated. YWCA Hartford Region is inviting organizations that believe in a society free of racism to join them in taking a *Stand Against Racism* by becoming a participating site.

A participating site will host their own *Stand Against Racism* event at their own location. The event can be private or open to the public. Participation in the *Stand Against Racism* is free and becoming a participating site is very simple. YWCA will provide all the necessary materials and documents. Each organization's "Stand" will range from gatherings at work to larger scale stands like rallies and marches. No matter what shape the "Stand" takes in each participating site, all activities will echo the theme "racism is unacceptable."

"Strength comes from numbers. We have the power to make an impact. Together we will stand as allies," said Deborah Ullman, CEO, YWCA Hartford Region. "Racism is not simply about the attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, dislikes, or acts of discrimination. Instead, racism is about society's injustices and discrimination that affects every aspect of our lives, education, housing, healthcare, jobs, and economic advancement" she added.

Join YWCA Hartford Region on April 30th and over 50 participating sites throughout the Hartford area in the fight to eliminate racism. To learn more or to sign up, please visit www.StandAgainstRacism.org or contact: Caroline L. Mitchell at: carolinem@ywc Hartford.org or 860-525-1163, ext. 218

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Established in 1867, The YWCA Hartford Region is the third oldest affiliate of the YWCA USA, a women's membership movement dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The YWCA Hartford Region provides programs and services in the greater Hartford area including, child care, supportive housing, teen leadership development, racial justice awareness and financial literacy.