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YWCA Hartford Region Welcomes Author Terry Farish for Rising Above: Stories of Female Survivors

Hartford, CT- In recognition of YWCA’s national Week Without Violence campaign, YWCA Hartford Region will host *Rising Above: Stories of Female Survivors*.

Hear Terry Farish, author of *The Good Braiders*, speak about girls and women who must overcome violence and persecution as they become refugees in the U.S. Refugee women living in Connecticut will tell their personal stories of *Rising Above* to start new lives.

The Week Without Violence campaign encourages everyone to take action against all forms of violence, wherever it occurs. *Rising Above* will take place on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at YWCA Hartford Region at 135 Broad Street Hartford, CT. The event is FREE and open to the public.

Registration for *Rising Above* is available online at [www.ywcahartford.org](http://www.ywcahartford.org). For any additional questions about the event, please contact YWCA’s Chief Program Officer, Monique Turner-Lopez, at (860) 525-1163 or [MoniqueL@ywcahartford.org](mailto:MoniqueL@ywcahartford.org).

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