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**Gloria Steinem to Speak at YWCA Hartford Region's  
Annual Luncheon**

Hartford, Conn. – Gloria Steinem will be the keynote speaker for YWCA Hartford Region's 23rd annual *In the Company of Women* luncheon Thursday, April 12, 2018. The luncheon brings more than 1,200 guests to the Connecticut Convention Center in support of YWCA's mission to *eliminate racism* and *empower women*.

Gloria Steinem is a writer, lecturer, political activist, and feminist organizer. She travels in this and other countries as an organizer and lecturer and is a frequent media spokeswoman on issues of equality. She now lives in New York City and has just finished a book detailing her more than thirty years on the road as a feminist organizer. *Biography* magazine listed her as one of the 25 most influential women in America and in 2013, President Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor.

Proceeds from the *In the Company of Women* luncheon will benefit the programs and services of YWCA Hartford Region including: childcare, emergency shelter, supportive housing, young women's leadership development, racial justice awareness and financial literacy. Serving 2,000 people annually, YWCA Hartford Region is on a mission to help women and girls bridge the education, career and financial gaps that are obstacles to life-long stability and economic security.

Peggy Strange, Attorney at Law for Jackson Lewis P.C., is chair for this year's event.

A group of more than 40 female students from area high schools will attend the Creating Opportunities Program in the morning and then join other attendees for the luncheon. The program is designed as an introduction to the world of philanthropy. Participants include 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.

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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 and empowering women**. 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](#).