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**Camryn Manheim Inspired Over 1,400 Guests at YWCA's *In the Company of Women* Luncheon to Live life generously**

Hartford, CT-[YWCA Hartford Region](#) held its 19th Annual *In The Company of Women* luncheon on April 8, 2014 at the Connecticut Convention Center. The event was attended by over 1,400 guests, including corporate and community leaders. The *In the Company of Women* luncheon featured actress and activist Camryn Manheim as the keynote speaker. Proceeds from the event will support YWCA's vital work in the community.

Manheim opened her remarks by congratulating the recent NCAA champion Connecticut Huskies. "Today was the first time I was not offended to be called 'husky'," Manheim said. She spoke about dispelling the traditional image of women in Hollywood and the importance of being strong role models for young girls today. "We put aside the mental and spiritual health of our children, especially our young girls," Manheim said. She closed her message of *Living life generously*, by praising all attendees for being involved in their community. "Thank you for leading the way," she said. "You are the light of the future."

Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Attorney General George Jepsen, Secretary of the State Denise W. Merrill, State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier, Catherine Smith, Commissioner, Department of Economic and Community Development and New Haven Mayor Toni Harp attended the event to support YWCA. Governor Malloy gave brief opening remarks commending the work of YWCA. The co-chairs of the event were Britt-Marie Cole-Johnson, Attorney at Robinson & Cole LLP and Julie Trowbridge-Dillman, SVP, Operations & Business at The Travelers Companies, Inc. YWCA thanks all sponsors for their support, including Legacy Sponsor, Aetna Inc. and Presenting Sponsor, The Travelers Companies, Inc. Jean LaTorre, Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, Aetna Inc. and Julie Trowbridge-Dillman spoke at the event about their company's respective partnerships with YWCA and their support of YWCA's mission.

A program was held in the morning for 55 young women from area high schools. This program,

Creating Opportunities, introduced young women to the power of women's philanthropy while fostering community involvement. Mayor Toni Harp, mayor of the City of New Haven, was their guest speaker. Among the young women who attended the event were participants from YWCA's [Young Women's Leadership Corps](#) (YWLC), an after-school program that gives young women the power to persevere both personally and academically.

YWCA provides programs and services to more than 2,000 individuals a year.

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](#).

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