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**YWCA Hartford Region Welcomes Camryn Manheim to the 19th Annual
In the Company of Women luncheon**

Hartford, CT- [YWCA Hartford Region](#)'s *In the Company of Women* luncheon will bring together over 1,300 guests from greater Hartford in support of YWCA's mission to *eliminate racism* and *empower women*. The luncheon will be held on April 8, 2014 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, Connecticut.

This year's keynote speaker, Camryn Manheim, is an acclaimed actress and social activist. With success on TV, film, and the bestseller list, her career has been defined by versatility, determination, and a sense of adventure. Best known for her Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning turn on *The Practice*, she recently took a starring role in the film, *The Hot Flashes*. A vocal advocate and tireless worker for human rights, Camryn wrote in a *TIME* magazine essay, "I dream of a time when we can all accept ourselves and one another."

Proceeds from the *In the Company of Women* luncheon help to fund YWCA's programs and services that benefit the lives of women and children in the Hartford region. These programs and services include: childcare, emergency shelter, supportive and transitional housing, young women's leadership development, anti-bias awareness and financial literacy. The luncheon is made possible in part by legacy partner Aetna Inc. and presenting sponsor The Travelers Companies, Inc. Britt-Marie Cole-Johnson, Attorney, Robinson & Cole LLP and Julie A. Trowbridge-Dillman, SVP, Operations & eBusiness, The Travelers Companies, Inc. will serve as this year's event co-chairs.

A group of 55 young women 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 to introduce these young women to the world of philanthropy. Participants include young women from 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. The young women will enjoy a special program with Mayor Toni Harp, Mayor of the City of New Haven, as their keynote speaker.

In addition to the speaker, the afternoon will feature the Persimmon Plaza expo and a raffle. Seats are available for the event for a minimum expected donation of \$150. For more information about the *In the Company of Women* luncheon, please call the Development Office at (860) 525-1163, ext. 269 or email ywcaLuncheon@ywc Hartford.org.

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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 and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).