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**Cokie Roberts comes to YWCA Hartford Region's
annual luncheon April 6**

Hartford, CT- Cokie Roberts will be the keynote speaker for the YWCA Hartford Region's 22nd annual *In the Company of Women* luncheon Thursday, April 6, 2017. The luncheon will bring over 1,200 guests to the Connecticut Convention Center in support of YWCA's mission to *eliminate racism* and *empower women*.

Cokie Roberts is a political commentator for ABC News, providing analysis for all network news programming, as well as for NPR. In her more than forty years in broadcasting, she has won countless awards, including three Emmys. She has been inducted into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame, and was cited by the American Women in Radio and Television as one of the fifty greatest women in the history of broadcasting. In 2008, the Library of Congress named her a "Living Legend," one of the very few Americans to have attained that 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.

The luncheon is made possible in part by Legacy Partner, Aetna, and Presenting Sponsor, Travelers. Monica Hoffman, Hoffman Lexus and Annie Lazarus, Chief Compliance Officer, Landmark Partners, will serve as this year's event co-chairs.

A group of over 40 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 Heidi Voight, NBC CT News Anchor, as their keynote speaker.

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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](#).