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Domestic Violence Crisis Center Hosts Online Spring Luncheon on May 20

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Donna Ferrato, an award-winning photojournalist, author, domestic violence prevention activist, and feminist will be the keynote speaker at the Domestic Violence Crisis Center Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 20.

- an announcement from the Domestic Violence Crisis Center

Donna's work was selected as one of Time magazine's "100 Most Influential Images of All Time." Her powerful images and the stories behind them have helped to bring domestic violence out of the shadows and into the light.

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Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase a special "Voices of Courage" boxed lunch from Aux Delice, available for pick up at the Darien or Westport locations on the day of the event. Aux Delice will donate a percentage of the sales from the lunch to DVCC.

The fundraising event will also feature an online silent auction which opens May 14.

The "Voices of Courage" luncheon takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For event details, auction information, and ticket sales, visit <u>this page</u> on the DVCC website.

"The past year has been uniquely challenging for domestic violence victims and their children given the isolation and dangerous scenarios caused by the pandemic," said Suzanne Adam.

"The Voices of Courage luncheon is a chance for our community to connect, unite, and support domestic violence victims who rely on the lifesaving services and support we provide."

Since 1980, Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC) has provided counseling and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and their children.

DVCC is the only state-certified agency recognized by the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) serving the communities of Norwalk, Stamford, New Canaan, Darien, Westport, Weston and Wilton.

DVCC's role is to help those experiencing any level of domestic violence and assist them in building a safer environment for the well-being of themselves and their families.

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Our services include housing and financial advocacy; legal advocacy; trauma-informed individual and group counseling; and emergency safe housing. All victim services are free and confidential, and all services offered are multicultural/multilingual.

This year's event is sponsored by Dede & Jim Bartlett; Ellen Lubell; The Benefit Shop Foundation; Berkshire East Mountain Resort & Catamount Ski Resort; Marge Nickel; Janill & Sahul Sharma; John & Lynn Watkins; Lizanne Galbreath; Wendy Herrick & David Owen; The McKeen Foundation; Judith Udell; Molly Alger & Jay Dirnberger; Vasso Gyftopoulos & JP Patterson; Morgan Stanley; UBS; Jonathan Atwood; Peggy & Jim Brown; Billie Gastic Rosado; Marcia Hamelin & Dennis Tracey; and Bruce Mandell. Moffly Media is the exclusive media sponsor. Dede Bartlett, is serving as the event's honorary chair.