



CEE is Proud to Honor ThinkSisu at “A Spark for Change” Annual Dinner

DANBURY, May 6 – The Center for Empowerment and Education (CEE) will host its annual fundraising dinner, *A Spark for Change*, on June 14, 2024, at the Amber Room Colonnade. Proceeds will benefit CEE’s no-cost crisis intervention and prevention programs and services, including our education and awareness efforts to prevent and reduce interpersonal violence in our communities.

CEE looks forward to celebrating ThinkSisu as their Founders Award recipient with Honorary Chairs, Lori and John Berisford. New this year is Auctioneer, Tom Stebbins, who is sure to entertain as he’s delighted audiences from Madrid to Napa Valley.

The Founders Award recognizes individuals and/or organizations who not only have demonstrated their commitment to CEE’s mission but are outstanding community partners at large. ThinkSisu Communications & Marketing was chosen because of their numerous contributions of time, energy, creativity, and resources to CEE. ThinkSisu collaborates with CEE on an ongoing basis to lend its communications and marketing expertise to strengthen the organization.

“ThinkSisu doesn't just get to know you as an organization; they become a part of your organization. We have so many things to worry about in our mission, but making sure that we have the right messaging, marketing, and communication strategy isn't one of them because we have ThinkSisu on our team. We are so fortunate to work with the ThinkSisu team and cannot thank them enough for all that they do for and with us,” said Ashley Dunn, CEO, CEE.

The team’s talent at ThinkSisu reaches CEE’s 11-town service area and beyond!

“The Center for Empowerment and Education is a tremendous resource for our community – beyond helping those in crisis, they are ensuring safer communities for all of us. It is an honor and a privilege to support CEE and we look forward to strengthening our partnership into the future,” said Erin Byrne, CEO, ThinkSisu.

This event is an integral part of CEE’s organizational fundraising plan. All contributions are greatly appreciated. For sponsorship, tickets and/or event advertising space, please contact Linda Cummins, Special Events Manager at (475) 290-3398 or linda.c@thecenterct.org.

If you’d like to get more involved with CEE and help us continue the work of changing stories from survivor to thriver, contact us at thecenter@thecenterct.org.

If you or someone you know needs support, our no-cost confidential hotlines are available 24/7. Please call, CEE is here, we believe you, and we support you.

Domestic Violence Hotline (203)731-5206

Sexual Assault Hotline (203)731-5204



About The Center for Empowerment and Education

Since its founding in 1975, The Center for Empowerment and Education (CEE), formerly The Women's Center of Greater Danbury, has been a safe haven as the sole provider of services to victims of domestic and sexual violence in the Northern Fairfield and Southern Litchfield County areas. Each year, CEE serves over 20,000 individuals from area communities with confidential services available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and provided at no cost.

CEE provides support services in the form of counseling and advocacy, crisis intervention, and emergency shelter. Their advocates empower individuals to find their voice and choose their path toward healing as they rebuild their lives. CEE prevents and reduces interpersonal violence in the community through prevention education and awareness. CEE is reducing trauma by stopping violence from manifesting in the first place. CEE believes that everyone deserves to live a life free from violence.

All funds provided to CEE support their critically needed domestic violence, sexual assault, and resource services for adults and children in an 11-town service area, including: Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, Roxbury, and Sherman. CEE is a member of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) and The Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence.

NOTE TO MEDIA: For further comment, please reach out to Ashley Dunn, CEO of The Center for Empowerment and Education, contact her at ashley.d@thecenterct.org

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