



CEE's Biggest Night of the Year is Coming Soon

DANBURY, CT, March 16, 2026 — The Center for Empowerment and Education (CEE) will host its annual fundraising dinner, *Together for Change*, on April 17, 2026, at the Amber Room Colonnade. The event recently created a new dinner mark aligned with CEE branding and consistent with other event marks. *Together for Change* supports the organization's no-cost crisis intervention and prevention programs, including its education and awareness initiatives aimed at preventing and reducing interpersonal violence across the community.

This year, CEE is proud to honor Impact Fairfield County with its prestigious Founders Award. Impact Fairfield County ("Impact") is a collective giving organization that brings together women across Fairfield County to support nonprofits driving meaningful, measurable change. Through a rigorous, member-led grantmaking process, Impact awards transformational \$100,000 grants each year to nonprofit partners addressing critical local needs. In 2023, Impact selected The Center for Empowerment and Education as a grant recipient to advance CEE's prevention and education programs.

"We are deeply honored to receive CEE's Founder's Award," said Impact Fairfield County Co-Presidents Annika Kennon and Jennifer Servedio. "CEE's dedication to empowering individuals and families through education and prevention is making a meaningful difference across our community. We are proud to support their mission and grateful for their shared commitment to strengthening our community."

CEE's Founders Award recognizes individuals or organizations that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the agency's mission and have served as exceptional partners within the community.

"This event is a powerful opportunity for our community to stand together against interpersonal violence and to invest in prevention, healing, and empowerment. The support we receive at *Together for Change* directly fuels our programs and ensures that every person who turns to CEE finds safety, compassion, and resources at no cost. We are honored to recognize Impact Fairfield County and grateful for all who join us in this vital work."

— *Samantha Flynn, Chief Development Officer, The Center for Empowerment and Education*

The *Together for Change* dinner is a vital component of CEE's annual fundraising strategy. All contributions directly support the organization's life-changing programs and services.

For sponsorship opportunities, tickets, or event advertising space, please contact **Linda Cummins, Special Events Manager**, at **(475) 290-3398** or **linda.c@thecenterct.org**.

About The Center for Empowerment and Education

Since 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 22,000 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 crisis intervention and advocacy, counseling, 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.

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