



## **CEE's Together for Change Dinner Brings Community Leaders Together; U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal Joins Celebration Honoring Impact Fairfield County**

**DANBURY, CT, April 29, 2026** — The Center for Empowerment and Education (CEE) hosted its annual Together for Change fundraising dinner on April 17, 2026, at the Amber Room Colonnade, bringing together community leaders, advocates, and supporters committed to creating safer communities. The evening was highlighted by the attendance of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal and the presentation of CEE's Founder's Award to Impact Fairfield County.

The Together for Change dinner supports CEE's no-cost crisis intervention, prevention, education, and awareness programs, which serve individuals and families across Northern Fairfield and Southern Litchfield Counties. The event showcased the organization's comprehensive continuum of care, spanning crisis intervention, prevention and education, and long-term therapy.

CEE proudly recognized Impact Fairfield County for its outstanding partnership and leadership in advancing solutions to critical community needs. [Impact Fairfield County](#) is a collective giving organization that brings together women across Fairfield County to fund nonprofits delivering measurable impact. In 2023, Impact awarded CEE a transformational \$100,000 grant to expand its prevention and education programming.

"Impact Fairfield County is more than a supporter of CEE - they are a true partner in prevention. Their transformational investment in our education programs has helped us reach tens of thousands of people and stop violence before it starts," said Samantha Flynn, Chief Development Officer of The Center for Empowerment and Education.

The evening was further elevated by remarks and attendance from U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, who highlighted the importance of community-based prevention, survivor support, and sustained investment in frontline organizations like CEE, while also offering meaningful support for our honoree, Impact Fairfield County.

"We are deeply honored to receive CEE's Founder's Award," said Impact Co-President Annika Kennon. "CEE's work to prevent violence and support survivors is both critical and transformative. At Impact, we are proud to support organizations like CEE through large, collaborative grants that drive meaningful change across Fairfield County. This recognition underscores the power of partnership and the impact we can achieve together."

CEE's Founder's Award is presented annually to individuals or organizations that demonstrate exceptional dedication to CEE's mission and a meaningful commitment to partnerships that strengthen the community. Together for Change remains a cornerstone of CEE's annual fundraising efforts, ensuring that all who turn to the organization can access safety, support, and resources at no cost.

### **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.

#### **About Impact Fairfield County**

Impact is a collective giving organization whose mission is to empower women to engage in local philanthropy through deeper knowledge and active participation in grantmaking. By pooling annual membership contributions, Impact provides large, transformational grants to nonprofit organizations serving Fairfield County. Since its founding in 2015, Impact FFC has awarded \$2.6 million in grants to local nonprofits.

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