



Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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**100 Male Leaders To Be Honored by Domestic Violence Coalition  
on September 28<sup>th</sup>**

***"First 100" To Receive Remarks from U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal***

**Hartford, CT-** Male leaders - a total of 100 - from throughout Connecticut will be honored at a breakfast next week for their leadership in heightening awareness to the availability of and access to domestic violence services in Connecticut. United States Senator Richard Blumenthal, the first of 100 named by the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, will be on hand to offer congratulations. The full list of recipients is now available on the Coalition's website at [www.ctcadv.org](http://www.ctcadv.org).

Honorees include business, government and community leaders - from Connecticut Major General Thaddeus Martin to Office of Policy and Management Under Secretary Michael Lawlor to Attorney Burton Weinstein, who represented Tracy Thurman - who are committed to making a difference in the lives of victims of domestic violence. "We are pleased to announce this list of outstanding individuals who stand with our Coalition and 18 member agencies in responding to the issue of domestic violence in our state," said Karen Jarmoc, Interim Executive Director.

Speaker of the House Christopher Donovan will receive the "Coalition Crusader" honor for his work to establish the Speaker's Task Force on Domestic Violence. The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut will be awarded the "Lawrence and Shirley Bostrom Pillars for Change" honor for their advocacy in assisting the Coalition's 18 member agencies in obtaining state funding for 24/7 staff coverage at their domestic violence shelters. Connecticut residents Lawrence and Shirley Bostrom created the state's Survivors of Homicide organization after their daughter Margaret was murdered by her husband.

Lead support for the breakfast has been provided by Verizon along with ESPN, Nordstrom, Inc., Webster Bank, The Mohegan Tribe, Project Closet, Perceptions Photography, and Comcast. The continental breakfast-at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell- begins at 7:30 a.m. with the program to follow at 8:00 a.m. Tickets for the event are \$40 with sponsorship opportunities available. Additional information and online registration is available at [www.ctcadv.org](http://www.ctcadv.org).

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