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**THE CENTER FOR WOMEN & FAMILIES EDUCATES FAIRFIELD COUNTY
TO HONOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Month Long Events Keep Communities Knowledgeable on Important Issue

Bridgeport, CT – September 20, 2010 — [The Center for Women and Families of Eastern Fairfield County](#) is presenting events in recognition of [Domestic Violence Awareness month](#) throughout the month of October. Three candlelight vigils are scheduled to take place remembering and honoring victims and survivors of domestic violence – free to the public – including:

- **Wednesday, October 6th** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., 1st Annual Candlelight Vigil at [Monroe Town Hall](#), 7 Fan Hill Road, Monroe, CT 06468. Inclement weather: Town Hall.
 - Detective Kelly McFarland of the Monroe PD will be honored for her advocacy and support to victims for DV.
 - Reception to follow for unveiling of new suburban office of The Center's to provide free services & programs to Monroe residents.
- **Tuesday, October 12th** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., the 3rd Annual Candlelight Vigil & [Clothesline Project](#) will be held at the Gazebo, outside of the [Trumbull Library](#), 33 Quality Street, Trumbull, CT 06611. Inclement weather: Library Community Room.
 - Trumbull resident Steve Hodson and Trumbull Librarian, Sue Horton will be honored for their support and advocacy to eliminating DV.
- **Thursday, October 21st** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., 1st Annual Candlelight Vigil at Sherman Green, Post Road Green in Fairfield, CT 06824. Inclement weather: First Church Congregational Wakeman Hall.
 - Detective Kerry Dalling of the Fairfield PD will be honored for her advocacy and support to victims of DV.
- **Tuesday, October 26th** from 6:30 to 7:30pm. 2nd Annual Candlelight Vigil at The University of Bridgeport, 126 Park Avenue in Bridgeport, CT 06604
 - Vigil will be held at the Student Center

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At each event, [The Clothesline Project](#) will be taking part of The Center's kickoff to honoring survivors and victims of domestic violence. The 'Clothesline Display' of t-shirts with messages and illustrations decorated by survivors or community members who wish to honor victims and survivors will be on display at the library clothesline throughout the week.

Residents can pick up a free t-shirt at the library/Town Hall to display their own stories of survival, hope and encouragement. The project is part of an international network and there are approximately 500 clothesline projects nationally and internationally displaying 50,000 to 60,000 shirts. For additional information on this project or to express your message on a t-shirt, please contact: Sue Horton at 203.452.5129 shorton@trumbull-ct.org or Steve Hodson at 203.260.1369 Steve@HodsonRealty.com.

This year, the project is also incorporating The White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) where men and boys will have the opportunity to sign a pledge sheet as a promise to never to commit, condone or remain silent about domestic or sexual violence.

About The Center for Women and Families (CWF)

The Center for Women and Families of Fairfield County (CWF) has been helping individuals for 115 years. They provide free confidential and bilingual services to victims of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault to those who reside in Trumbull, Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe and Stratford. Visit <http://www.cwfefc.org/> for more information.

About The Clothesline Project (CLP)

The Clothesline Project (CLP) is a program started on Cape Cod, MA, in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. It is a vehicle for women affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt. They then hang the shirt on a clothesline to be viewed by others as testimony to the problem of violence against women. Visit <http://www.clotheslineproject.org/> for more information.

About The White Ribbon Campaign (WRC)

The White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) is the largest effort in the world of men working to end violence against women. Now in over fifty five countries, campaigns are led by both men and women with a focus on educating men and boys. Wearing a white ribbon is a personal pledge to never commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women and girls. The White Ribbon Campaign at The Center for Women and Families meets monthly. We encourage anyone interested to please join us! For additional information about the taskforce or meeting dates and times, please contact: Stephanie Stacy at 203.334.6154 sstacy@cwefc.org . Visit <http://www.cwefc.org/wrcpledge.html> to take the pledge.