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Women's Center of Montgomery County



Save The Date!



Garden Luncheon

May 7, 2017

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
at the Abington Art Center

515 Meetinghouse Road – Jenkintown, PA

Join us for an afternoon of
Art and Style

Featuring:
Fashion Show
Artisan Collections
Live and Silent Auctions
Raffles

**Pottstown Lethality Assessment Coordinator and Legal Advocate
Pauline McGibbon
Nominated for an Award From the Tri-County YWCA
for Her Outstanding Contributions to the Community**

The YWCA Tri-County Area's Tribute to Exceptional Women is an annual event which recognizes women for their achievements, leadership, and service. Previous winners have demonstrated ability to lead by example, embrace community responsibility, and exceptional leadership in one of the 10 awards categories.

Our wonderful staff member, Pauline McGibbon, has been nominated for her leadership, dedication and skill in assisting victims of domestic violence transition from crisis to safety. Since joining the staff of the Women's Center 7 years ago. Pauline has been the consummate advocate, selflessly giving of her time and talents to improve the lives of individual victims and our community.

I hope you will join me in thanking Pauline for all that she does, on a daily basis, in service to the Center, our mission and the community! And let us all send our best wishes to her as a nominee at the 22nd Annual Tribute to Exceptional Women Fundraiser and Award Ceremony!

Thursday, March 30, 2017 5:30 to 9:00 pm
Rivercrest Golf Club
100 Golf Club Drive
Phoenixville, PA



Board Member
Lisa Poelck

Nominated for Leadership Award

At the Second Annual Tri County Network Women's Symposium:
Becoming a Woman of Influence

We are pleased to announce that WCMC Board Member Lisa Poelck has been nominated for a leadership award through the Tri County Network's Women's Symposium, which will be held on March 28th. Whatever the outcome we can all agree that Lisa is a dynamic leader who has brought much to our organization and our movement!



Save the Date!
Save the Place!

Whole Foods Market - Jenkintown
Wednesday - March 22, 2017

5% Community Giving Day

Support the Women's Center of Montgomery County by shopping at the Whole Foods Market in Jenkintown on Wednesday March 22, 2017.

The Center will receive 5% of the net sales for the entire day from our friends at Whole Foods Market in Jenkintown!

1575 The Fairway – Jenkintown
Store Hours on March 22nd - 8 am to 9 pm

**My Volunteer Experience at the Women's Center of Montgomery County:
Board Member, Legal Advocate and Hotline Counselor**

By Beth Rubin

Three and a half years ago, I began my work in the Norristown Courthouse as a legal advocate, helping victims and perpetrators, assisting in the writing of Protection from Abuse agreements, and expanding into another realm as a volunteer with the Women's Center. At the time, I wasn't sure that I would be successful in this new realm, and wasn't sure that it wouldn't conflict with my work as a hotline volunteer, and as a Board member.

What I have found is quite to the contrary. My work as a court advocate complements my position as a hotline volunteer. When I get hotline calls that require a need for knowledge about the court process, I can be very informative with that caller. And situations that I've dealt with in manning the hotline also help me to assist the plaintiff and defendant in the courtroom.

My work on the Board over the past eight and a half years gives me an understanding of the entire organization, and my motivation as a Board member is constantly fed by my work in the courtroom and on the hotline. I have found this perfect mix of different jobs with the Women's Center of Montgomery County that challenge me and inspire me, and give me a chance to give back to a cause that is very close to my heart.

Having been a victim and survivor of domestic violence myself, I am always striving to impart my survival skills and wisdom gleaned from the survival itself. It is not always easy to see people at their worst, and to remember that I have been seen at my worst, but it is my aim to always instill some hope in the person who feels so vulnerable, and so mistreated. I remind them that when they were being abused, they were in a situation that tested their resolve, and that they reacted normally to an abnormal situation. Anyone who is being attacked, repressed, and who is fighting for her/his freedom, will suffer pain and be angry. It is what we do from then on that determines our fate.

In court, I bring a big supply of tissues, and give them out readily. I find the majority of people I work with to be appreciative and thankful, but, at our worst, many of us even forget to show that appreciation. Whether they express it or not, I know in my heart that I have been a listening ear, and a willing advocate.

All of the volunteer work that I do for the Women's Center is intrinsically rewarding. I feel I am making a difference every day. The Women's Center is a place that keeps giving and giving. I highly recommend volunteer positions as a hotline counselor, court advocate, and Board member. For those of you, who are not presently volunteering with us, consider joining and working for this great organization!!!





SAVE THE DATE AND RESERVE YOUR SEAT

**Come and join the Courthouse Crew and the
Women's Center of Montgomery County**

Where: Painting with a Twist Skippack, PA

When: March 30, 2017 5:30p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wine, snacks and check-in begins at 5:30 p.m.
Painting begins precisely at 6:00 p.m.!

What: Paint the above picture; some will be selected to hang
in the new Court administration office.

Snacks, wine, raffles and fun provided by the

Women's Center of Montgomery County!

Use link below to reserve seats:

<https://tinyurl.com/wcmc-pwat>

password: PAINT



After visiting local High Schools for Teenage Dating Awareness Month, the WCMC collaborated with Microsoft in an effort to draw attention to Teenage Dating Violence and gave local teens a fun and healthy alternative. Thanks to the Microsoft Store in King of Prussia Mall!

EXTRA, EXTRA; READ ALL ABOUT IT:

One Woman's Powerful Stand Against Domestic Violence

Connecting the Global Epidemic of Human Trafficking to the Domestic Violence Epidemic

The Secret History of Women in the Senate

Do you find the titles of these articles intriguing? Do you want to read more? Do you share a commitment to be informed and empowered? If so, we encourage you to follow the **Women's Center of Montgomery County** on **Facebook** where, each day we add new links to articles that we believe educate us about our mission and the world in which we carry it out.

In becoming a member of the **Women's Center of Montgomery County** you have demonstrated your commitment to these issues. We hope that by following us on **Facebook** that we reward that commitment with the information and awareness that we all need if we are to affect meaningful and positive social change!

www.facebook.com/WomensCenterofMontgomeryCounty/



MARCH 28, 2017

11AM - 1:30PM

COPPERFIELD INN - 594 W Ridge Pike,
Limerick

SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM

TICKETS
\$30

BECOMING A WOMAN OF INFLUENCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Eileen Connolly - Robbins

The Chief Executive Officer of The POWER of Professional Women, a not-for-profit organization, whose mission is to increase the influence of women leaders and help develop the next generation of leaders through collaboration and social responsibility.

IMPACT AWARD NOMINEES:

Leadership Award

• Barbara O'Malley • Ashley Pultorak • Lisa Poelck • Stacey Woodland

Community Impact Award

• Mary Rieck • Erika Cooper • Lisa Heverly

Entrepreneurship Award

• Heather Chandler • Donna Botti • Michelle Ward Cahill • Candice Donnelly-Knox

TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Stop networking and start making connections.

Developing your leadership potential.

Finding and owning your voice.

Positioning yourself for the next big opportunity.

LEGACY AWARDS

Entrepreneurship

Bernadette McElroy

Community Leadership

Judy Green



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