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Milford. On Friday, September 25th, The Umbrella domestic violence program of Birmingham Group Health Services, Inc. and the Rape Crisis Center of Milford, Inc. will host Connecticut's **Sixth Annual Bridesmaids' Ball** from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at the Race Brook Country Club, Orange.

"This is the sixth fund-raising partnership between The Umbrella domestic violence program of BGHS and the Rape Crisis Center of Milford, the two agencies that provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Valley, Milford, Orange and West Haven," said Peggy Pisano, Executive Director of the Rape Crisis Center. "While The Umbrella works to end domestic violence by changing social conditions, beliefs and social action that perpetuate abuse against women and children, The Rape Crisis Center strives toward eliminating sexual assault through education and empowering victims to regain control of their lives," she said. Both agencies maintain 24/7 crisis hotlines plus provide counseling, advocacy and community education.

The evening will feature entertainment by "Dance to the Music," a silent auction, a beer/wine/soda bar, hors d'oeuvres and buffet. The attire for the evening is black tie, but optional. We know that many women have a bridesmaid's gown hanging in the closet and this is their chance to wear it one more time. Please contact us if we may include your donation of a silent auction item for our event. Sponsorships are also available, starting at just \$50.

Tickets for the Bridesmaids' Ball are \$75 per person. There will be no tickets sold at the door. For further information, please call the Milford Rape Crisis Center at (203) 874-8712 or The Umbrella at (203) 736-2601 in Ansonia, or visit our websites at www.rapecrisisctr.org and www.bghealth.org for upcoming information.

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