

To live without fear is a basic human right.  
 For some, through no fault of their own,  
 someone takes that right away ...  
 We cannot change the past...but we can  
 help build a brighter tomorrow....

Did you know?...



- In Connecticut last year over 53,000 women and their children were affected by domestic violence.

- The Umbrella provides crisis services, counseling, advocacy and emergency shelter services to over 3,500 women and children each year.

Did you know?...

- Someone in America is sexually assaulted every two minutes.

- One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually assaulted by the age of 18.



The Rape Crisis Center of Milford provides services to 400 victims of sexual assault each year...close to 50% are children.

Children who witness domestic violence, or are sexually assaulted, are more likely to exhibit depression, anxiety, and violence toward their peers. Adolescents are more likely to abuse drugs, attempt suicide, engage in prostitution, and/or commit sexual assault.

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# 6th Annual Bridesmaids' Ball

*Men & Women  
 Partnering to End  
 Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault*



Friday, September 25, 2009  
 Race Brook Country Club  
 Orange, CT  
 7:30 p.m. to Midnight  
 Dinner-Dance and Auction

SPONSORSHIP, AD BOOK, AUCTION  
 OPPORTUNITIES

*Benefiting*  
 The Umbrella, a Program of  
 Birmingham Group Health Services, Inc.  
 and  
 Rape Crisis Center of Milford, Inc.

# Bridesmaids' Ball

**You are cordially invited** to partner with The Umbrella and the Rape Crisis Center of Milford, two agencies providing services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in our communities, for the 5th Annual Bridesmaids' Ball.

The facts are *black and white*---over 53,000 cases of domestic violence and 4,200 cases of sexual assault were reported in Connecticut last year! The incidence and effects of domestic violence and sexual assault are devastating to our communities.

**The Umbrella**, a program of Birmingham Group Health Services Inc., supports victims of domestic violence and is founded on the belief that all persons have the right to live free of violence and fear, especially in their own homes.

**The Rape Crisis Center of Milford, Inc.** strives toward eliminating sexual assault through education and empowering victims to regain control of their lives.

## Attendees

Bridesmaids' Ball attendees are adults who live, work, and/or play in Fairfield and New Haven Counties. The evening will feature hors d'oeuvres, a dinner buffet, and a wine and beer bar. Music will be provided by "Dance to the Music". A Silent Auction will be held throughout the evening. Bridesmaids' gowns are encouraged and black tie is optional.

Please join us in our partnership to end domestic violence and sexual assault. Together, we can make a difference.

## Sponsorship Opportunities

### \$2,800 Platinum Sponsor

- Company logo displayed on the event invitation & on event web page
- Prime position on sponsor listings and signage
- Prime full-page ad in ad book
- One reserved table for eight including table sign
- Recognition during the event

### \$1,500 Gold Sponsor

- Company name on event web page and invite
- Gold position on sponsor listings and signage
- Half page ad in event ad book
- Four event tickets
- Recognition during the event

### \$500 Silver Sponsor

- Company name on event web page
- Bronze position on sponsor listings and signage
- Quarter page ad in event ad book
- Two event tickets

## Ad Book Opportunities

- \$300 Full Page Inside Covers (5"x7")
- \$175 Full Page Ad (5"x7" portrait)
- \$100 Half Page Ad (3"x5" landscape)
- \$50 Quarter Page Card Ad (2"x4.5")

Please e-mail photo-ready ads to Debbie Soulsby at [dsoulsby@bghealth.org](mailto:dsoulsby@bghealth.org)

Business card sponsors please mail card with your reply

**All ads must be received by Sept. 11, 2009.**

## Silent Auction Opportunities

Please consider donating an item valued at \$50 or more ...Gift Certificate, merchandise, or services to our silent auction. Describe your item and state the value on the Donor Return Form.

## Tickets

Tickets for this year's event are \$75 per person. Tables are set for eight or ten. Please indicate the number of tickets you would like on the Donor Return Form.

## Donor Return Form

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to  
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\_\_\_\_\_ \$2,800 Platinum sponsorship

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Silver Sponsorship

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300 Inside Cover: Back \_\_\_ or Front \_\_\_  
(First Come-First Served)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$175 Full Page Ad

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Half Page Ad

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Quarter Page Ad

\_\_\_\_\_ Silent Auction Item: Description

Auction item donor stated value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ticket(s) @ \$75

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

*Thank you for your support!*