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Annual Event Highlights YWCA's Commitment to Eliminate Racism
Organizations Unite with YWCA to Take a Stand Against Racism



Hartford, CT- On April 29, 40 organizations partnered with [YWCA Hartford Region](#) for the third annual *Stand Against Racism*. [Stand Against Racism](#) is an event created by YWCA to combat the spread of hate and honor and celebrate the richness of diversity while echoing the theme “racism is unacceptable!” Each participating organization held their own *Stand Against Racism* event at their location.

YWCA Hartford Region held an event at their Hartford location that included inspirational songs, poems and a performance by the Covenant Prep bell choir. Guest speaker John Motley, partner Motley Beup, LLP, spoke to attendees about racial justice in the military. Attendees included community supporters and students from Covenant Prep.

“Racism is a cancer,” said Motley. “Think about those internal cancers and find a way to beat them. Stand up with YWCA to eliminate racism,” he added. Motley, who is very active in community affairs, is a strong supporter of YWCA Hartford Region, is a decorated Vietnam veteran and serves on the board of the Connecticut State University System.

Other organizational highlights include Foodshare, who integrated *Stand Against Racism* with their 28th annual Walk Against Hunger; The Phoenix Companies in Hartford held a week-long series of programs to celebrate diversity, and TD Bank involved 22 of their Hartford area stores in Connecticut.

Media supporters of *Stand Against Racism* were Comcast and The Hartford Courant. For a full list of participating sites, visit <http://www.ywc Hartford.org/againstracism.php>.

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Established in 1867, YWCA Hartford Region is the third oldest affiliate of YWCA, a women's membership movement dedicated to **eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all**. YWCA Hartford Region provides programs and services in the greater Hartford Region including child care, supportive housing, teen leadership development, racial justice awareness, financial literacy and economic empowerment. For more information, visit www.ywcahartford.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Photo Caption:

l-r: John Motley, guest speaker and partner Motley Beup, LLP; Lisa Sundean, YWCA Board Member; Ardell Wilson, YWCA Board Chair; Kristen Roberts, Comcast, Vice President of Public Relations and Community Investment; Deborah Ullman, YWCA CEO; and Brad Palazzo, Comcast, Manager of Community Investment.