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Nonprofit Westchester Launches Workplace Wellness Series to Support County Workforce

*The series will begin with information and resources on Domestic Violence,
Trans & Nonbinary Communities and Cancer Care*

White Plains, New York, June 2, 2021 – Nonprofit Westchester (NPW) is pleased to announce that it will launch an educational series starting this summer to provide businesses, nonprofit organizations, higher education, health care and other sectors with information and resources to support the emotional and physical wellness of members of their workforces. The Summer Lunch & Learn Series will begin on June 30th with **Creating a Supportive Workplace for People Impacted by Domestic Violence** delivered by Pace Women’s Justice Center and will be followed by **Creating and Inclusive Workplace for Trans & Non-Binary Communities** on July 14th led by the LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center and **The Diagnosis is Cancer, Now What? How to Become the Best Advocate for Yourself or a Loved One** on August 18th delivered by the Cancer Support Team.

“NPW is proud to foster awareness about the services uniquely provided by Westchester’s nonprofit agencies. These organizations provide critical information and support to other nonprofits, businesses, government partners, schools, and friends and neighbors,” stated Jan Fisher, Executive Director of Nonprofit Westchester. “They are not always the issues we feel comfortable speaking about, but they are the subjects we need to speak about openly to ensure that all people feel welcome, safe and included in our workplaces, schools and other community settings.”

“Pace Women’s Justice Center (“PWJC”) is proud to collaborate with NPW on this very important Lunch & Learn Series. It is imperative that victims of abuse understand their legal rights and know where they can safely reach out for help, thus, we are appreciative of the opportunity to share information and resources about our legal services. PWJC is committed to putting an end to domestic violence and the only we can do that is by working together to support survivors on their path to safety,” stressed Cindy Kanausher, executive director of Pace Women’s Justice Center.

“Over 100 people a week are diagnosed with cancer right here in Westchester; it is a disease that affects us all,” said Tania Weiss executive director of Cancer support Team. “Being better prepared and learning to advocate for yourself or a friend is so important because you may need to make potentially life-changing decisions just at the moment you feel the most overwhelmed and vulnerable. We are grateful that NPW is giving us the chance to help others help themselves.”

“The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center Is pleased to be part of NPW’s Lunch and Learn Series and to be discussing the importance of creating an Inclusive workplace for TGNCNB (transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary) people. Building a workplace that is inclusive of gender diversity ensures that all employees are empowered to bring their full selves to work everyday,” said Judy Troilo, executive director, The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center.

About Nonprofit Westchester: Nonprofit Westchester (NPW) is Westchester’s only membership organization solely dedicated to advancing and advocating for the needs and interests of the county's nonprofit sector, the people and populations served and the nonprofit workforce. Representing more than 250 nonprofit organizations and business members, the mission of NPW is to strengthen the visibility, capacity and impact of the nonprofit sector in Westchester County. www.npwestchester.org.

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SUMMER Lunch & Learn SERIES

NPW fosters awareness about the services uniquely provided by Westchester’s nonprofit agencies. These resources benefit other nonprofits, businesses, government partners, schools, friends and neighbors. Sessions will be interactive and limited to 30 participants.

<p>June 30, 12:00 -1:30 PM Creating a Supportive Workplace for People Impacted by Domestic Violence</p> <p>PRESENTING AGENCY: Pace Women’s Justice Center (PWJC)</p> <p>Pace Women’s Justice Center (PWJC) provides free legal services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse. A nonprofit legal center serving Westchester and Putnam Counties, PWJC helps individuals navigate the legal system and obtain services related to divorce, custody, support, financial exploitation, public benefits, and housing. Through outreach events and training programs we raise awareness, educate the community, and train judges, police officers, attorneys, and social service providers on best practices when working with victims of abuse.</p> <p>law.pace.edu/wjc</p>	<p>July 14, 12-1:30 PM Creating an Inclusive Workplace for Trans & Non-Binary Communities</p> <p>PRESENTING AGENCY: LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center</p> <p>The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center is a welcoming and safe space for the LGBTQ+ community and supporters. Their doors are open and there is something going on nearly every day of the week including support groups, social groups & activities, assistance & advocacy, health and wellness, education and training.</p> <p>loftgaycenter.org</p>	<p>August 18, 12:00 - 1:30 PM The Diagnosis is Cancer, Now What? How to Become the Best Advocate for Yourself or a Loved One</p> <p>PRESENTING AGENCY: Cancer Support Team</p> <p>Cancer Support Team (CST) is the only New York State licensed home-care agency dedicated solely to cancer. Registered nurses, case managers and social workers educate, and support patients and family members affected by a diagnosis of cancer who live in southern Westchester. All services are provided at no cost. CST’s goal is to ensure that all patients from every race and background have the information needed to access excellent health care.</p> <p>cancersupportteam.org</p>
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