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CORNERSTONE ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY – Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre (Cornerstone) will host its 1st Annual International Women's Day Luncheon on Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 at 11:30 AM in the Main Ballroom of The Best Western Plus Cobourg Inn & Convention Centre. Funds raised from the Luncheon will help support hundreds of women and children each year accessing programs and services at Cornerstone – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

The Luncheon will begin with a welcome reception where guests will have a chance to mingle, purchase raffle tickets, or honour a significant woman in their lives with a daisy dedication. The welcome reception will be followed by a served three-course lunch and afternoon entertainment by motivational and comedic speaker Susan Stewart who will get guests laughing and help them see the lighter side of life.

The Luncheon is proudly presented by local business women and philanthropist, Lynn Hardy, and will be hosted by Cornerstone board member, Sally Wade, two strong women within the community who understand the importance of Cornerstone's work and the impact that women can have on the world.

"The International Women's Day Luncheon is the perfect opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate with a purpose," says Sally Wade, Event Chairwoman. "The Luncheon allows us to recognize the important work women do within our community, as well as around the world, all while supporting a very worthy cause."

"The funds raised from the Luncheon are essential in ensuring that individuals at Cornerstone attain every opportunity to flourish. Each year we strive to help as many women and children as possible and receiving support from the community enables us to continue providing immediate shelter within our county and to carry out our mission to break the cycle of family violence," says Nancy Johnston, Executive Director.

The focus of the event is to celebrate on a day dedicated to respect, appreciation and love towards women for their professional, economic, political and social achievements. The community will have the opportunity to honour a woman they admire for her achievements by participating in a daisy dedication, in which a daisy is purchased for \$2.00 and an honouree's name is placed in the middle. Following the event the daisies will be placed in the community for all to admire. Daisies will be on sale at the Cornerstone office beginning February 14, and will also be sold at the event.

Tickets for the Luncheon go on sale Wednesday, February 1st, and are \$65.00 each, or \$520.00 per table of eight. If you are unable to attend, participate in Cornerstone's Women's Day Celebration by sponsoring a seat! Purchase a ticket and donate your seat to an individual who otherwise would not be able to attend.

For information on how to purchase tickets, or become a sponsor while helping local women and children, please contact Carly Cunningham at 905-372-1545 ext.236 or ccunningham@cornerstonenorthumberland.ca

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