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Danbury, Conn. - March 14, 2018: Women's Center of Greater Danbury (WCOGD) Announces Guest Speaker *Michelle Pranger* for spring 2018 annual fundraising dinner, *An Evening Together*, slated for Friday, April 6, at Danbury's Amber Room Colonnade.

The Women's Center's April 6th annual dinner is now less than a month away. We look forward to welcoming our Guest Speaker: Michelle Pranger, a resident of Newtown, CT. With more than 15 years of experience as an author, motivational speaker and educator, Michelle Pranger continues to touch the lives of countless children and adults alike with her inspirational words and powerful story of survival of childhood abuse. Through her book, "A Child's Voice: One Girl's Journey to Discover her Voice and be Heard," Michelle offers a story of unparalleled perseverance that serves as a forceful reminder of the power contained within each of us to overcome and prosper amid dire circumstances. Michelle's book can be purchased prior to the event at <http://www.michellesinspiration.com/>. Books will also be available for purchase at the event.

With her background as an elementary school and special education teacher, Michelle honed her skills as a compassionate advocate for those struggling through hardship and trauma. Michelle currently is a teacher at John Read Middle School in Redding, CT. Today, Michelle utilizes those skills to deliver a universal message of personal growth that is truly unique.

I am thrilled and honored to be speaking at the Annual Gala for the Women's Center of Greater Danbury on April 6th. One of my goals and desires is to use my story to empower and inspire others. Kindness has the power to change not one, but many lives. I believe in the work done by the Women's Center as they continue to educate, train, and protect victims of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and domestic abuse - issues that are near and dear to my heart. I look forward to celebrating their mission, vision, and accomplishments at this very special event. – Michelle Pranger, Guest Speaker

From humble roots, Michelle began sowing the seeds for what would become a lifelong passion to educate, to inspire, and to help others in their quest for personal transformation and growth. Michelle's story ties in nicely with our celebration of 43 years of #givingvoice to our communities. After a childhood of abuse she found her voice through the kindness and generosity around her.

To purchase a sponsorship, tickets, donate an auction item, or for more information about the event, please contact Kelly Parker, Special Events Manager, at (203) 731-5200 or kelly.p@wcogd.org.

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