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BCWAC Celebrates Success

The Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition (BCWAC) held its 3rd annual Call to Action meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at the James-Lorah Auditorium in Doylestown.

In her remarks to attendees, BCWAC President Tam St. Claire said, "It is always exciting to be part of policy changes that further our principles and mission. We urge you, if you are not already doing so, to be part of the action. We supply the tools and mentoring you need to be an effective advocate."

BCWAC is a growing non-partisan coalition of more than 150 individuals and 37 organization partners that speak with one voice. The Coalition educates and advocates on behalf of women and girls to promote systemic change to achieve gender equity and economic security for all.

In the past year alone, BCWAC has had numerous successes including:

- organizing the first regional symposium on Caregiving
- releasing a white paper on "The Economics of Caregiving"
- blocking the expansion of predatory lending companies
- driving the implementation of a long awaited study on the Cliff Effect
- promoting full practice privileges for nurse practitioners
- coordinating with Planned Parenthood & Women's Law Project on the PA Women's Health Agenda

Participants heard an inspiring call to come together to conquer injustice and inequality, with a keynote address about the importance of advocating for women and girls delivered by Bucks County Commissioner Diane Ellis-Marseglia. She noted that "this county, state, and country is in the midst of great change." She expressed deep concern about the negative treatment of women during the current election cycle. She also spoke of growing local challenges in the areas of child abuse and mental health, and the need to support effective solutions.

Those interested in the benefits of becoming a BCWAC partner, volunteer, or donor are encouraged to visit www.bcwac.org to get learn more and get involved.

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Photo (L-to-R): Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Bucks County Commissioner, Keynote Speaker; Tam St. Claire, BCWAC President; Kathy Beveridge, BCWAC 1st Vice President