

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### COMMUNITY, COCKTAILS & COMEDY FOR A CAUSE “GIVE A LITTLE—LAUGH A LOT!”

Community Health and Wellness Center of Greater Torrington (CHWC) is holding its Third Annual Community, Cocktails & Comedy fundraiser, featuring two nationally acclaimed comedians, on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – 10 pm at Bridge Street Live, 41 Bridge Street, Collinsville.. Tickets are \$50 each and include hors d’œuvres, a two-hour comedy show, dessert, and raffle prizes, with a cash bar available throughout the evening All proceeds benefit CHWC, which is the only Federally Qualified Healthcare Center in the state and one of just 46 in the country to receive a 2017 Quality Leader Award from the Health Services and Resource Administration (HRSA).

The comedy show features stand-up personalities Kevin Flynn and Tony Dayo.

Flynn, who has headlined at clubs and colleges around the world, got his breakthrough when he won the Boston Comedy Riot in 1988. He has since appeared in comedy specials on NBC, MTV and A&E; and his film and television credits include *The Heartbreak Kid* with Ben Stiller, *Me, Myself and Irene* with Jim Carrey, *Osmosis Jones* with Bill Murray and HBO’s *Sex and the City*. His one-man show, *Around the Kitchen Table*, won Best of the Fest at the Boston Comedy Festival and at HBO’s prestigious U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen.

Dayo made his late-night TV debut on *Conan* in 2013, with later appearances on *The Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, AXS TV’s *Gotham Comedy Live*, and *Comics Unleashed with Byron Allen*. He performed at HBO’s Aspen Comedy Festival, was named one of the year’s best by *The New York Post*, and can be heard on SiriusXM Satellite Radio. His latest album, *Comedy Road Trip*, landed on *Billboard Magazine’s* comedy chart, debuting as the #1 selling stand-up album. New York’s *Village Voice* calls him “one of the tightest joke writers in the business.”

“Community, Cocktails & Comedy has grown every year, and we are thrilled to be presenting such amazing comedic talents at such a great venue,” says Joanne Borduas, CEO of CHWC. “We are grateful to the generous event sponsors, program advertisers, and area businesses that have contributed so many wonderful prizes for our raffle. The funds raised will help us to continue to provide high-quality, integrated medical, dental, and behavioral health services to over 7,000 patients who otherwise might now have access to healthcare. “

Dorothy Barrow, CHWC Human Resources Manager and fund-raising committee chair, says, “We look forward to hosting the event, and encourage people to ‘give a little, laugh a lot!’ It’s a fun night out for a good cause.”

Tickets are available at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). For more information, call 860-387-0433.

### **ABOUT COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER**

The Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington is committed to keeping communities healthy. The center, its employees, volunteer practitioners, board members, officer, and independent contractors are deemed to be employees of the Federal Public Health and Human Services. In a compassionate, patient-centered environment, CHWC services are accessible and provided without discriminations, with cultural competence, and where all people matter regardless of their ability to pay.

CHWC offers and continues to develop a range of healthcare services for the underserved throughout northwest Connecticut, including medical, dental, chiropractic, and counseling services. It strives to achieve the reputation of “provider of choice” for affordable, high quality services that achieve positive patient outcomes in a welcoming and caring environment.

CHWC collaborates and advocates with other organizations to increase the region’s capacity to meet the communities’ health and wellness needs. It is the only Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Connecticut to receive a Health Services and Resource Association’s (HRSA) Health Center Program 2017 Quality Leader Award.

CHWC is located at 469 Migeon Avenue, Torrington, CT, and 115 Spencer Street, Winsted, CT, with the following satellite locations: FISH of Torrington, 332 South Main Street, Torrington; Sullivan Senior Center, 88 East Albert Street, Torrington, CT; The Open Door Soup Kitchen, 160 Main Street, Winsted; YMCA Emergency Shelter, 480 Main Street, Winsted; Torrington Soup Kitchen, 220 Prospect Street, Torrington; and Oliver Wolcott Technical School, 75 Oliver Street, Torrington. Telephone 860-489-0931, visit at [www.chwctorr.org](http://www.chwctorr.org) and on Facebook.

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