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Life Science Leaders Join Forces to Advocate for Critical Need for Funding and Awareness of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence as Public Health Crisis***Sandra Pelletier and Robin Toft Tapped to Co-Chair Center for Community Solutions' Tea & Tonic***

SAN DIEGO, CA – Two leaders in the local life science industry have been named as co-chairs of Center for Community Solutions' (CCS) annual fundraising event, Tea & Tonic. Sandra Pelletier, CEO of Evofem Biosciences, and Robin Toft, Global Life Sciences & Board Diversity Leader with ZRG Partners, and Chairman and Founder of Toft Group & We Can Rise, Inc., will help champion the critical need to fund services for sexual assault and domestic violence survivors.

Tea & Tonic is CCS' signature fundraising event that brings together business and corporate supporters, community and philanthropic leaders, donors, and committed volunteers from all over San Diego. This year's event will be held on Friday June 17, 2022, at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, and will feature guest speaker and world-renowned athlete, Aly Raisman. Event hashtags are #TeaAndTonic2022 and #SupportSurvivors. All event proceeds help advance Center for Community Solutions' mission to end relationship and sexual violence.

Tea & Tonic Co-Chair Bios

Sandra Pelletier is one of the most dynamic women in today's biotech industry. As CEO of Evofem Biosciences, she is revolutionizing women's healthcare with innovative products meeting the unmet needs of millions of women. Sandra is a force of energy that blends substance and excitement with straight talk and refreshing opinions. She is a leader in the boardroom and beyond, using her experience, voice and vision for real, progressive change and to deliver results.

"As a CCS board member, I make it my mission to find impactful ways to prevent sexual assault of any kind. If we are going to end the stunning prevalence of sexual assault and intimate partner violence in our personal circles and throughout our communities, we all need to support the critical work led by CCS."



Robin Toft is Global Life Sciences & Board Diversity Leader with ZRG Partners, and Chairman and Founder of Toft Group Executive Search and We Can Rise, Inc. Robin is the author of the book “WE CAN, the Executive Woman’s Guide to Career Advancement” and leads the global WE CAN™ movement to expand networking and learning opportunities for female executives worldwide. She has recently co-authored Ignite Your Board Career, the Board IQ Playbook.

“I am a longtime supporter of CCS programs because they provide multiple services to support survivors and their philosophy is that a survivor’s healing involves all of us. As community members, we all have a responsibility to view assault in all its forms as a health crisis and to do our part to reduce harm and increase safety and support.”

The Centers for Disease Control identifies sexual assault and intimate partner violence as serious public health problems that can have a profound impact on lifelong health, opportunity, and well-being. The Department of Justice and National Coalition Against Domestic Violence report that every minute in the U.S., one person is sexually assaulted and 20 people are physically abused by an intimate partner. Young people, ages 12-34, are at the greatest risk of sexual assault.

Last year, CCS served nearly 15,000 survivors of sexual assault and intimate partner violence and thousands more through community engagement events. The need for mental health, legal assistance, and other essential resources continues to increase.

About Center for Community Solutions

Center for Community Solutions is a San Diego-based nonprofit organization dedicated to ending relationship and sexual violence. Since 1969, CCS has been providing trauma-informed, wrap-around services to empower survivors as they heal and recover from trauma. All CCS services are free and include a 24/7 confidential crisis hotline, four domestic violence shelters, counseling, legal services, safety planning, prevention education and more. For more information, please visit ccsd.org.

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