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## **Metro Credit celebrates life and legacy of Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo with domestic violence fundraiser**

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Somerville, MA According to Robert Cashman, president and CEO of Metro Credit Union, they will be hosting Still She Rises, a celebration of life and fundraiser for local domestic violence prevention organizations. The event will coincide with the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo was a beloved member of the community and 20-year employee of Metro Credit Union whose life was tragically cut short as a result of domestic violence in December 2018. To honor Ersilia, Metro will host Still She Rises on Thursday, October 3, at the Holiday Inn at 30 Washington St. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley will deliver the keynote address.

Proceeds from the event will benefit HarborCOV, Portal to Hope, and the Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo Fund by Kiwanis. These organizations, based in Everett and Chelsea, provide comprehensive services to people whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence.

Individual tickets are \$75 and include dinner, a keynote address by congresswoman Pressley and remarks by additional speakers, a silent auction, and a cash bar. Seven sponsorship levels are available, as well as tax deductible donations.

“According to the CDC, one in three women and one in four men will be victims of intimate partner violence in their lifetime,” said Charlene Bauer, Metro’s SVP outreach, advocacy and chief development officer. “Celia was a wonderful coworker and generous friend who was dedicated to her community and family. The tragic loss of her life had a profound impact on us all, and Metro is proud to be celebrating her legacy while supporting crucial organizations who stand up to domestic violence every day.”

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