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Wonder Women Honored

1. Malta House of Care honored six “Wonder Women” at an event benefiting the Malta House of Care Mobile Medical Clinic: From left, **Daisy Cocco De Filippis**, president of Naugatuck Valley Community College; **Jody Bell**, a Greenwich teen who launched an entrepreneurship program to help immigrant families; **Janet Grace**, a program manager with the state insurance department who has run a swimming program for people with physical or mental handicaps every Sunday for the past 30 years; **Antoinette Lazarus**, chief compliance and risk officer for Landmark Partners who advises multimillion-dollar firms in her work, and first-time homebuyers through her extensive volunteer involvement; **Lhakpa Sherpa**, a single mother of three who was born in Nepal and has summited Mount Everest nine times, more than any woman in the world; and former Hartford Mayor **Ann Uccello**, the



first female mayor in Connecticut and also the first female mayor of any U.S. capital. ♦ **2.** Among those attending were **Moira O’Brien** with her parents **Bob O’Brien** and **KC O’Brien**, who serves on the Malta House of Care foundation staff; ♦ **3.** **Filomena Soyster**, interim president of the Malta House of Care foundation board; ♦ **4.** **Carmen Cid**, dean of arts and sciences at Eastern Connecticut State

University, and **Rhona Free**, president of the University of Saint Joseph; ♦ **5.** **Michelle Murphy**, executive director of the Malta House of Care foundation; ♦ **6.** **Suzan Bibisi** of Wethersfield with her husband, **Chris Healy**, executive director of the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference; and ♦ **7.** from left, **Lori Lusardi**, **Teresa Boya**, **Jane Leary** and **Ann Burnett**. [Photos: Alex Syphers]

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