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## Profile: Liz Murray, 50th Anniversary Celebration Keynote Speaker



Attendees of Continuum's 50th Anniversary Celebration will be hearing a remarkable story of triumph over adversity from keynote speaker Liz Murray.

Born to cocaine-addicted parents in the Bronx, Murray grew up in a filthy drug-ridden house where there was never any food and welfare checks were spent as quickly as they arrived. At the age of 15 she ended up on the streets after her mother died. In spite of her grim and horrifying life on the streets - riding the subway all night and eating from dumpsters - Murray always imagined her life could be much better.

"I started to grasp the value of the lessons learned while living on the streets. I knew after overcoming those daily obstacles that next to nothing could hold me down."

Determined to take charge of her life, Murray finished high school in just two years and was awarded a full scholarship to Harvard University, all while camping out in New York City parks and subway stations. Murray received her Bachelor of Science degree from Harvard and is currently pursuing her master's degree in psychology at Columbia University.

Murray is the subject of the Lifetime Television-produced and Emmy-nominated *Homeless to Harvard* as well as the recipient of the White House Project's "Role Model Award" and Oprah Winfrey's first-ever "Chutzpah Award". Her memoir *Breaking Night* landed on the New York Times bestseller list within a week of its release and quickly became an international bestseller published in twelve countries and in eight languages.

Murray is passionate about speaking on the importance of personal motivation, transforming problems into opportunities, and what it takes to make a difference in people's lives. We cannot wait to be inspired by her on June 8.

*Invitations to the 50th Anniversary Celebration will be mailed out soon. Tickets are \$125 per person and \$1,000 for tables of 10. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Deborah Cox at [dcox@continuumct.org](mailto:dcox@continuumct.org) or 203.562.2264 ext. 236 with any questions or if you are interested in helping with planning. We welcome all donations and auction items..*

## We've Moved...Finally!



The last few weeks have been a frenzy of moving activity but we have finally settled into 109 Legion Avenue. The building is absolutely gorgeous and constantly buzzing with positive energy. Staff are overjoyed to be here and grateful to everyone who played a part in bringing our new home to life.

Continuum's open house will be **April 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Please remember to **RSVP by April 1** to Janday Wilson at [jwilson@continuumct.org](mailto:jwilson@continuumct.org) or 203.562.2264 ext. 235.

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## Testimonial

*"Why do I love Continuum? Because they take care of my needs. My RA comes 4 times a week. She is the most lovable [and] I love her to death. Continuum is always there for me. My home health aide is there constantly every morning when I request her [or him]. Every time I need help in or out of the house, or with my groceries, or [with going] to Walmart or somewhere [else] ... they're always there for me. "*



- Janet M., W.I.S.E. client

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