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## **Interval House Presents Acclaimed Author Rachel Louise Snyder**

HARTFORD – Interval House—Connecticut’s largest domestic violence agency—presents Breakfast with Rachel Louise Snyder, award-winning author of, “No Visible Bruises: What We Don’t Know About Domestic Violence Can Kill Us,” Thursday, Feb. 6, at The Hartford Club. Networking begins at 7:30 a.m.; program begins at 8 a.m. The event is sponsored by Bank of America.

This event is Snyder’s first 2020 appearance in Connecticut to talk about, “No Visible Bruises.” She will recount the years of research she undertook to write the book and discuss why home can be the most dangerous place for a woman. Snyder will also touch on the \$9.3 billion toll domestic violence has on the U.S. economy each year, and why corporate leaders should be tuned in to the issue to protect their employees and themselves.

“We are incredibly honored to bring Rachel Louise Snyder to Hartford,” said Mary-Jane Foster, President and CEO of Interval House. “Even after working in this field for nearly 30 years, I could not put her book down—it is a ground-breaking work of literature with compelling stories and rock-solid research that needs to be shared with our neighbors here in Connecticut.”

“Bank of America supports the individual journey of survivors of domestic violence and the programs that empower them to build safer lives,” said Joe Gianni, Hartford Market President at Bank of America. “We are partnering with Interval House on this event to raise awareness among our colleagues in the business community with the hope that they will join us in this important work.”

“No Visible Bruises” was named one of The New York Times’ Top 10 Books of 2019, and has been lauded by Esquire and The Washington Post, among others. The Vagina Monologues’ creator Eve Ensler calls it, “A seminal and breathtaking account of why home is the most dangerous place to be a woman . . . A tour de force.” The book has also received the Lukas Work-In-Progress Award from the Columbia School of Journalism and Harvard’s Nieman Foundation.

Breakfast with Rachel Louise Snyder is open to the public. Tickets (\$50) are available at [www.novisiblebruises.eventbrite.com](http://www.novisiblebruises.eventbrite.com) or by calling (860) 838-8451. A book signing will follow the program, and books will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the non-profit Interval House, working to end domestic violence.

### **About Rachel Louise Snyder**

Since 1991, Snyder has traveled to more than fifty countries. In 1998, she spent two months traveling through Tibet, Nepal and India, and interviewed the Dalai Lama. In 2000, she spent a month driving across Cuba on the eve of the new millennium. As a reporter, she has covered natural disasters like Hurricane Mitch in Honduras in 1998 and the Asian tsunami in Aceh, Indonesia in 2005.

Snyder's work has appeared in The New Yorker, The New York Times Magazine, Slate, Salon, The Washington Post, the Chicago Tribune, and the New Republic. She is also author of, "Fugitive Denim: A Moving Story of People and Pants in the Borderless World of Global Trade," which won Ms. Snyder the 2006 Lowell Thomas Award from the Overseas Press Club.

Snyder holds a B.A. from North Central College and an M.F.A. from Emerson College. Currently, Snyder lives in Washington, D.C., where she is an Associate Professor of Creative Writing and Journalism at American University.

### **About Interval House**

Founded in 1977, Interval House is the largest agency in the state of Connecticut dedicated to preventing and breaking the cycle of domestic violence. Through direct and life-saving services for victims in 24 towns and cities both East and West of the Connecticut River, Interval House has made a positive difference in the lives of nearly 250,000 women and children who have experienced psychological and physical abuse at the hand of a domestic or intimate partner. 24-Hour Hotline: (888) 774-2900.

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