

WHAT'S UP AT WOMENSAFE

where we're always working toward a safer community for all



It's Here: Mother's Day Card 2022!

We are honored to feature "Queen Mother" by Will Kasso Condry on this year's card. Honor those who have shown you love while also supporting survivors!

Please submit your request and a suggested donation of \$25 per card on our website, or mail a donation to WomenSafe at P.O. Box 67, Middlebury, VT 05753. Include the names(s) and address(es) of your chosen honoree(s) and they'll receive this year's stunning art card.

Find the form online here:
womensafe.net/mothers-day-card-form

Our Racial Equity Values Statement

The WomenSafe team is proud to share that our Racial Equity Values statement is now available to view in its entirety on our webpage. This statement is the culmination of months of work by our dedicated team. It represents our organizational core values, sets goals in embodying these values, and details our process for meeting the defined goals. We developed our Racial Equity Values Statement guided by the Puget Sound toolkit, a strengths-based organizational assessment tool that identifies and leverages existing cultural and organizational strengths to catalyze growth and change within teams. This process was fully collaborative, with extensive review and input by both the WomenSafe staff and Board. This living document guides our organization-wide commitment to racial equity within our team, among the people we serve, and within the community at large. We encourage feedback and invite all to view our statement and offer input!



Transitional Housing Unit Celebrates Two Years!

Opened early in the pandemic, our two units provide safe, comfortable housing for individuals and families.

In its short life, the building has already housed four survivor families who may have otherwise had to relocate, experience homelessness, or return to potentially dangerous living situations.

Our Transitional Housing program has supported an additional four families in securing and affording their own independent housing at scattered sites in the last six months. Two residents exited the program with permanent housing vouchers, ensuring long-term housing stability and a chance to rebuild their lives.

A huge thank you to you, our supporters, for helping survivors access safe housing in such a tight market.

If you are a landlord with rentable units, we would love to talk about partnering with you. Reach out to us at info@womensafe.net.



Meet Jordan Calderara, Our New Development Coordinator

WomenSafe's staff and Board are delighted to share that Jordan Calderara (she/her/hers) has joined our team as Development Coordinator! Jordan assumed this new role in September, after receiving her Master's in Education from The University of Vermont in Summer 2021. She served previously as an Advocate for survivors of sexual violence through the YWCA of Silicon Valley, and held an Operations/Facilities management and cultural ambassador role for Microsoft at Skype's headquarters in Palo Alto. Jordan is thrilled to be back in her home state of Vermont, excited to connect with you, our valued supporters, and honored to join the WomenSafe team.

Join our Board!

If you love reading about how our work impacts survivors and makes this community safer, we invite you to consider applying to join our vibrant board! Monthly evening meetings are in-person in Middlebury, with a childcare stipend available. WomenSafe prioritizes recruitment of members of diverse backgrounds to help us address challenges of power, culture, and privilege.

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