

WHAT'S UP AT WOMENSAFE

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Project Update: Children's Playhouse and Library

The youngest residents of WomenSafe's Transitional Housing Unit have a new place to play, learn, and enjoy the outdoors, due to the generosity and philanthropic vision of Elvira ("Vera") Flight, and her daughter, Ellen Flight.

WomenSafe's Transitional Housing Unit provides free, safe housing to survivors and their families. In the past three years alone, five adults and six children have called the unit home. The newly established Playhouse, made possible by the Flights, provides a secure outdoor area adjacent to our owned Transitional Housing Unit where children and their parents can engage in creative, restorative play. The Library, housed inside the unit, provides a zero-barrier source of current and rotating children's literature for kids to enjoy with their families.



The Flight Family,
Vera Flight (center), Ellen Flight
(second from right)

Vera and Ellen are longtime supporters of WomenSafe and have each forged extensive careers rooted in supporting and educating children. Vera spent many years nurturing students as a first-grade teacher, and Ellen recently retired after 24 years as the Director of Songadeewin. After Vera's mother passed away at 99 and a half years old, both Ellen and Vera sought to honor her legacy by allocating Vera's inheritance to a project that would positively impact children in the community for years to come. Working in collaboration with WomenSafe, the Children's Playhouse and Library Project came to life.

The funds provided by the Flights enabled the extensive interior and exterior renovation of an existing shed, transforming it into a whimsical playhouse. The space was outfitted with kid-friendly features such as a workbench, busy board, Dutch door, and crawl out exit, and an adjacent 3-season landscaped outdoor seating area was added. Both elements were constructed with an eye towards creating a shared, multifunctional space that fosters creativity and imagination for kids and adults and encourages play and interaction between children and their parents.

The WomenSafe team is honored to partner with Vera and Ellen Flight on The Children's Playhouse and Library Project.

Special thanks to The Vermont Book Shop, Murphy Landscape Design and Skywoods LLC for lending their talents to this project.

Event: "Herself" Film Screening at Middlebury Marquis Theater

May is Supervised Visitation Awareness Month! WomenSafe is collaborating with Addison County Restorative Justice Services on a screening of "Herself" at Middlebury Marquis Theater on Wednesday, May 17th to celebrate SVP's role in keeping families safe.

- Screenings at 3:00pm and 6:00pm, with a Q&A following each showtime. The panel will answer viewer-submitted questions.
- Entry is by donation (suggested amount: \$10) with all proceeds going to support WomenSafe.
- Proceeds from a 50/50 raffle held during this event also go directly to WomenSafe!
- Content warning: this film depicts domestic abuse and family violence.



Thank you to Roundtree Construction for sponsoring this event!

Survivor Wishlist

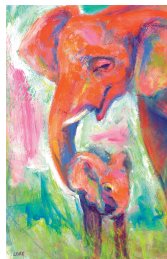
Survivor residents of transitional housing are currently in need of:

- Rollerblades (size 8.5)
- Small desk with drawers
- House plants

If you'd like to donate any of these items please contact jc@womensafe.net

Annual Card Fundraiser

Our Annual Card Fundraiser is a wonderful way to honor caregivers and parents while supporting WomenSafe. This year's card features artwork by Jacqueline Lore, survivor and WomenSafe service user.



Visit www.womensafe.net/cardfundraiser for more details and to submit honorees!

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