

WomenSafe is now Atria Collective!

All future newsletters and print materials will reflect our new name and logo. Our services, programs and commitment to inclusion remain the same!

We extend our deepest gratitude to the WomenSafe name for serving us and our community for over 20 years.



Advocacy in Action: Legal Services Program

Survivors seek protection, justice, and equity for themselves and their children through the court system, but they often do not have equal access to legal representation. Low-income and marginalized survivors often find that court is one of many hurdles in a system full of barriers. The legal advocacy services that we provide to support survivors in navigating these systems include:

Court Accompaniment & Paperwork Assistance

An advocate from our team assists in filling out **paperwork** and provides **in-person support** during hearings.

Legal Representation

- Covers **attorney fees** for low-income survivors.
- Provides funding for family court cases, such as: **divorce, parentage and Relief from Abuse Orders.**
- This support is made possible by a generous grant from the **Vermont Bar Association.**

Legal Clinics

- Made possible by a collaboration with **Vermont Legal Aid.**
- Host monthly clinics to supply legal consultations for family law issues.
- Supported **26 survivors** over the past year.

The demand for legal support is increasing, and we are working to build our network of attorneys who are interested in collaborating to increase our capacity to support survivors. If you or someone you know is a family law attorney who would like to make a difference in our community, please reach out to jena@womensafe.net.

Kim Krans Award 2024 - Nominations Open!

After a brief hiatus, The Kim Krans award is back! Our team is thrilled to recognize another member of our community who has demonstrated a commitment to advancing the safety and well-being of their neighbors in Addison County and the Town of Rochester, Vermont.

Nominees demonstrate:

- A history of community contribution to end gender-based violence outside their professional roles
- Work within Addison County and on behalf of its residents
- An impact of the work on people in our community—both directly and indirectly
- Ability to collaborate with others
- An emphasis on inclusion and engaging people from marginalized communities.

Anyone can nominate anyone! Please submit your nomination information via our webpage at www.womensafe.net/kim-krans-award or to info@womensafe.net. Nominations are open through December 31, 2023. The 2024 Award Recipient will be notified in January and honored at a celebration in March 2024.

Impactful Giving Spotlight Survivor & Program Wishlist

Fran and Spence Putnam

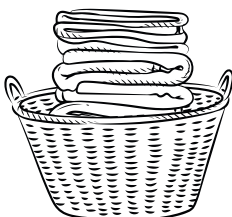
Beth Diamond

Patricia Heather-Lea and John Lea Jr

Ingrid Jackson

Francis and Paul Stone

Our deepest gratitude to The Congregational Church of Middlebury, UCC and Vergennes Congregational Church for their donations to support the purchase of a new washer & dryer to assist survivors with their laundry needs!



Survivor residents of transitional housing would gratefully accept donations of:

- A stand mixer for baking
- A small desk with drawers

Our **Supervised Visitation Program** has moved! We're excited to welcome families into this new space and would gratefully accept the following items to help make it warm and engaging for children and caregivers:

- Framed kid-friendly art
- Toy storage/organizer unit
- Colorful rugs (all sizes) - washable preferred
- Bookshelf/book display

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