



Umbrella Updates

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Horizon House Shelter and Transitional Apartments to Open in July

We are finally in the home stretch, making final preparations in anticipation of our first shelter and transitional housing residents in mid-July. As we begin moving things into the building, we find we are still missing some key items. If you have any of the following, please contact The Advocacy Program at 748-8645 or info@umbrellanek.org.

Lockers and/or Lock Boxes

Microwave

Pillows

Kitchen table and chairs

Pack-n-plays

Dressers (4 are needed)

Bookcases / shelves

***One big round table with or without chairs
cots***

Umbrella Awarded Contract to Provide Domestic/Sexual Violence Support Services in Orleans/N. Essex Counties

Umbrella's Advocacy Program has been providing interim services to the O.N.E. region since last August when the previous program ceased operations. This spring, Umbrella applied to become the permanent service provider for the region, effectively becoming a Northeast Kingdom-wide program (with the exception of the Hardwick/Greensboro/Craftsbury area which is served by our sister program, AWARE).

The Newport office, located at 93 East Main Street, is staffed by Advocacy Coordinator Roxie Rivard and Advocate Vanessa Raymond, who look forward to promoting the availability of assistance and outreach/prevention services in the area. There is a dedicated hotline for the O.N.E. region, with trained staff and volunteers available round the clock: **802-334-0148** or toll free: **800-224-7837**.

information:

www.goodsearch.com

Career Opportunity: Development Director

As a result of the expansion of our service area and the concurrent departure of our Development Assistant, Umbrella is creating a new, full-time Development Director position. We are looking for an experienced professional to advance our mission by developing and maintaining a strong base of financial support at the local, state and national level. The Director of Development will identify prospects, establish effective fundraising techniques and market the organization, its mission, events, and activities. The position supports the Executive Director and is an integral member of the leadership team.

This is a full-time, benefited position in a dynamic, flexible environment. Strong verbal and written communication skills are essential, along with knowledge of basic accounting/finance, and a commitment to Umbrella's mission. Please review the full job description and qualifications at www.umbrellanek.org and submit a letter and resume to Michelle Fay, 1222 Main Street Suite 301, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819; or michelle@umbrellanek.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Umbrella Director Treks to Washington, DC to Advocate Increased Support for Abuse Survivors

Umbrella Director Michelle Fay joined Karen Tronsgard-Scott and Sarah Kenney of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and fellow program director Donna Maccomber of Women's Crisis Center in Brattleboro for two days of advocacy on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC in early June. Sponsored by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), these annual Advocacy Days turn a spotlight on the importance of full funding of the various federal programs that fund direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking and prevention activities designed to end the cycle of violence in our communities.

Michelle, Karen, Sarah and Donna met with Vermont's Congressional Delegation to share stories of how this funding literally saves and changes the lives of Vermonters. We are fortunate to have a delegation that understands the issues and supports the work being carried out by the member programs of the Vermont Network. Senator Leahy is the leading champion of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which he has supported since its introduction in 1995. Senator Leahy was presented with a framed resolution of gratitude for his years of support on behalf of victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Michelle and Donna also had the unique opportunity to sit in on a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing where Karen Tronsgard-Scott testified alongside the Interim Director of the Office on Violence Against women, actor and rape survivor Gabrielle Union and several others, regarding the continued importance of VAWA.



Karen Tronsgard-Scott, Sarah Kenney (VT Network), Rep. Peter Welch, Donna Maccomber, and Michelle Fay outside of Rep. Welch's office during NNEDV's Lobby Day.



Author Leslie Morgan Steiner, Michelle Fay, Donna Maccomber, Sen. Leahy, Gabrielle Union, Karen Tronsgard-Scott and Sarah Kenney pose just before the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the continued importance of the Violence Against Women Act.


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Cell Phone Recycling Program

Umbrella continues to recycle used cell phones, which we either give to program participants to make emergency 911 calls, or send to a recycling vendor that pays us for the parts. We raised nearly \$100 last



year, and kept a lot of old phones out of the waste stream. Cell phones can be dropped at the Umbrella office at 1222 Main Street (3rd floor) during normal business hours.