We have so much exciting news to share with you! With your help, we successfully raised over $2,000,000 and closed out our growth and sustainability campaign. Congratulations! And a huge thanks to all of you who helped us achieve our goal. We are so humbled by the incredible generosity of our endowment to a threshold which we intend to leverage campaign funds to eliminate the mortgages on both of our buildings (the Program Center and the Safe Home) as well as to increase our buildings (the Program Center and Safe Home) as well as to increase the Safe Home’s capacity related to gender-based violence. We look forward to adapting the business model throughout the Upper Valley. Contact us for more information.

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WISE 50th Anniversary
Foundations of Gender-based Violence Conference, May 11-12, 2019

Save the Dates
WISE Women Writing March 1, 2019 7:00pm-9:00pm
Court Observers Saturdays, June 15 and June 22 9:00am-11:30am, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Courtesies to Webinar participants

Kate Griffiths Harrison, Vice President
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Sharin Luti, Giavanna Munafo
Peggy O’Neil, Executive Director
Allison Links, Relationships Lead
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Looking to our future: WISE Strategic Direction 2019-2024
Over the past two years, we intentionally focused on developing a strong organizational foundation to prepare for bold growth and community impact. In 2019, we initiated a comprehensive planning process to articulate the strategic direction for the organization. WISE Board, staff, and volunteers engaged in multiple discussions and we are very grateful to the dozens of community stakeholders who provided valuable insights through dynamic focus groups. We are pleased to present our vision for Social Change leading areas of focus and the accompanying operational priorities. Our path forward is aspirational and achievable.

We have already begun to put into action many of our strategic priorities. Our staff is largely over what we were able to achieve over the past 10 years, and our project capacity to respond to the needs of our Upper Valley communities. We look forward to keeping you updated as we create a strategic, thoughtful, and wiser community together.

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The campaign consisted of these three elements:

- Organizational Growth
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We want you to learn about what we teach students in the classroom and understand why it is important. There are many big and little ways you can support WISE, including an educational component for adults.

You may find this section on the website (wiseuv.org/prevention/#wise-parents). Curious what specific info sheets about what we teach, consider to connect, conversation starters, and links to our favorite resources.

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Terms of Service

Volunteer opportunities with WISE businesses
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Resources for WISE adults
Check our our redesigned prevention sections on our website (mothership/ prevention) and our Curriculum. Click here about how to respond when your middle-schooler says they are ready to date or what to do when you do not like your teenager’s date? Explore ways to help them develop skills to have safe and healthy relationships. We include grade-specific info sheets about what we teach, things to consider, conversation starters, and links to our favorite resources.

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