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'She Shed' Will Hold Works For Sale By Cape Cod CAN Artists

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A "she shed" donated to Independence House by Cape Associates will have a new home at the Cotuit Center for the Arts this spring. The shed will house artwork for sale by students in CCfA's Cape Cod CAN program.

A "she shed" donated to Independence House by Cape Associates has been gifted to the Cotuit Center for the Arts. CCfA will use the shed to display artwork for sale created by artists who participate in Cape Cod CAN, a program that offers opportunities for inclusion and active participation in the arts for people with disabilities.

During other parts of the year the Independence House she shed at the Cotuit Center for the Arts will feature Independence House domestic and sexual violence survivors who choose to exhibit artwork. Independence House offers an art-based survivor group for domestic and sexual violence survivors as a therapeutic modality for healing and recovery through art.

Initially the shed was awarded to raffle winner Susan Littlefield of Cummaquid at the Independence House 40th Anniversary Gala last November. The raffle raised more than \$18,000 for the organization. Ms. Littlefield, a past volunteer at Independence House, donated the shed back to Independence House.

Independence House and Ms. Littlefield decided the shed should find a home that would benefit the community.

The group reached out to the Cotuit Center for the Arts in search of an envisioned home for the shed.

David Kuehn, executive director of Cotuit Center for the Arts, called the timing of the gift "perfect," adding that CCfA has been looking for a location on campus to showcase some of the visual art produced through Cape Cod CAN's program at the Center.

"We have the perfect location for the shed and look forward to sharing information about the important work by Independence House, and the important outreach we strive for on a daily basis. It's a win-win and we are all full of gratitude," Mr. Kuehn said.

The "she shed" will make its final stop at its permanent home at the Cotuit Center for the Arts this spring. Independence House and the Cotuit Center of the Arts hope to host future collaborative annual fundraisers, with proceeds defraying any maintenance and costs involved in operating the "she shed" and the Cape Cod CAN program survivors.