



Jfo ReFurnishings

Second Hand Store

Join Us in Making a Difference: Support ReFurnishings, Our New Venture!

We are thrilled to announce the successful grand opening of ReFurnishings, our boutique furniture thrift store which opened to the public on March 21, 2024. This event was marked by a ribbon cutting led by Pete Bardunias from the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce and Marlene McTeague from the RCS Community Business Association. Attendees included JFO board members, volunteers, and community members. More than a store, ReFurnishings is a community asset and hope source, selling quality used items to fund our nonprofit efforts and supplying free goods to families in our CarePortal program.

How You Can Get Involved

Your support is crucial to the success of ReFurnishings and our broader mission. You can help 3 ways:

- **Donate Furniture & Housewares:** If you have gently used furniture or household items, please consider donating to ReFurnishings. You can find our donation policy on our website at justicefororphansny.org/refurnishings. You can also email pictures of your potential donations to refurnishings@justicefororphansny.org. We offer prearranged pick up and drop off of donations.
- **Volunteer at the store:** ReFurnishings is open to customers Thursday to Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM. Additionally, Wednesdays are dedicated to picking up new furniture donations, sorting, cleaning, and pricing items. Join our team by completing the volunteer form on our website at justicefororphansny.org/refurnishings.
- **Stop by & Shop:** Visit Re-Furnishings at 2484 US Rt. 9W, Ravena, NY 12143 to explore our eclectic inventory of vintage, antique, collectable, and everyday furniture and housewares. Watch our social media for new times and special deals.

By donating items, volunteering, or shopping you're supporting a cause that provides hope and help to local children and families in need. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

Thank You COUNTY SPONSORS

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Transforming Lives in Our Own Backyards

The Power of Proximity

Imagine discovering the neighbor you casually wave to is the very person your generosity is about to transform.

Recently, a volunteer from a church in Rensselaer County responded to a CarePortal request for essential items—a car seat, clothing, and diapers for a young mom and her newborn. When the volunteer contacted the mom to coordinate delivery, she learned the family lived right next door!

With just one phone conversation initiated through CarePortal, the barriers of unfamiliarity crumbled and a friendship began to grow.

This story illustrates the essence of our mission: to create a network of care that recognizes and responds to needs within our very own communities. Connections that transform lives—the lives of our neighbors.

You play a vital role in this neighbor helping neighbor network. Your contributions allow us to make caring connections through CarePortal. Together, we can ensure that no hand is left unheld, no need unmet, and no neighbor unseen.



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Empower and Transform Lives:

Join Us in Expanding CarePortal to Washington County

We're excited to announce that CarePortal, an outreach tool connecting churches with local needs, is coming to Washington County, New York, in late spring 2024. This expansion makes Washington County the ninth in the region to benefit from CarePortal. The tool has already seen enthusiasm in the area, with five churches ready to join and more interest expected.

To launch successfully, we must meet two vital requirements. First, a minimum of six committed churches ready to be trained to meet needs is required. Second, \$10,000 in funding must be raised. Washington County businesses can help transform the lives of local children by sponsoring the CarePortal program.

By supporting CarePortal's expansion, you're investing in the well-being and hope of many children. We invite you to be part of this impactful venture, showcasing the power of community and faith in action. Join us in making a difference in Washington County. Thank you for considering this opportunity.



WAYS TO GIVE

- **Serve 12 children for \$37.50 per month**
- **Sponsor a family for \$15 a month to join the support group.**
- **Impact 20 children's lives with an annual donation of \$750.**
- **Sponsor a County for \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$10,000.**

During National Social Work Month, we celebrate the dedication and compassion of social workers. Their advocacy for the vulnerable and efforts to improve our communities are deeply appreciated. Even though their work may be behind the scenes, its impact is significant. We thank them for being a beacon of hope and making a real difference. Their commitment inspires us all. We are truly grateful for them.



I felt compelled to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who were present for our Hope for the FASD Journey Support Group meeting last week. Your wisdom and support were instrumental in helping me navigate a challenging situation with my daughter who struggles with FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder).

After sharing the difficulties I faced with her nighttime routine, specifically her resistance to putting on pajamas, I applied your advice and started the process much earlier in the evening. The impact was profound and immediate! What was once a prolonged struggle, transformed into a peaceful, 5-minute routine without the usual physical resistance. This small change made a huge difference.

Your guidance is a true blessing. This experience has reinforced the value of our support group and the collective wisdom it provides. It's a reminder that, together, we can find hope and practical solutions to the unique challenges we face. Thank you for being a source of strength and encouragement. This support group is a lifeline, and I'm profoundly grateful for this community!



EMPOWERING SOCIAL WORKERS!

Inspiring Action, Leading Change



A Story of Hope, Help, and Healing:

How Your Support Makes an Impact

In the spirit of compassion and community, we are excited to share with you a testimony of impact from one of our CarePortal churches in the Capital Region. This story of hope, help, and transformative relationships epitomizes the power of your generosity.

Recently, our church had the privilege of helping a family whose lives were upended by conflict in their homeland. We responded to a CarePortal request for essential items for this family who had recently sought refuge in the U.S. under harrowing circumstances.

Upon meeting the family, we recognized their needs extended beyond material items; they were grappling with the profound isolation that often accompanies displacement. This family needed community.

Moved by the situation, our church became this family's community. Over the months that followed, individuals and families from our congregation not only supplied ongoing material support but also friendship. We even assisted the father in his job search.

Perhaps most remarkably, despite coming from different religious backgrounds, the father expressed an interest in visiting our church for a Sunday service. This gesture of openness has paved the way for meaningful dialogue and friendship—providing opportunities for deeper conversations about faith and the teachings of Christ.

Our church is grateful for the opportunity CarePortal presented for us to connect with this family. And we're inspired by the visible work of God in their lives and in our community. This experience has been a powerful reminder of the impact we can make when we come together to support one another in times of need.

Your contributions make stories like this possible. Through your support, together we can make a difference and witness the transforming power of community and faith in action. Will you join us in this mission of compassion and connection?



OVER
8,000

CHILDREN SERVED
in the Capital Region so far

CarePortal 