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Rosie's Girls Teams Up with Humane Society

Girls at trades-exploration camp put carpentry skills to work for homeless dogs

On July 6th, Rosie's Girls' campers in Essex will put the finishing touches on a dog house for pets sheltered at the Humane Society of Chittenden County. As part of a trades-exploration camp run by Vermont Works for Women, the girls not only helped their four-legged friends and practiced carpentry skills, they welded, learned about bridge building and electrical wiring, created and tested bottle rockets, explored firefighting, and repaired bicycles.

Media interested in visiting camp to witness the girls presenting their house to needy dogs should be at the Center of Technology Essex (Meadow Terrace, Essex Junction) by 10 am on Wednesday, July 6th. See directions below.

Rosie's Girls Summer Program is a three-week camp for middle school girls that combines hands-on instruction in the skilled and technical trades with a broad array of other activities explicitly designed to encourage girls to develop their own strength, power and confidence in an atmosphere that is fun, supportive, and positive.

"Our singular aim is not for participants to decide that they want to become carpenters or electricians upon completing the program," said Tiffany Bluemle, Vermont Works for Women's Executive Director. "We use carpentry and other trades and technical activities to expose them to a full range of career options and develop the confidence to move about in the world deliberately, with determination and eagerness.

The Humane Society of Chittenden County is delighted that that Rosie's Girls built a new shelter for one of their dog runs. According to HSCC President and CEO Tom Ayres, "We greatly appreciate this opportunity to partner with Rosie's Girls to build a doghouse for use in the shelter yard. This is a great way for these young campers to learn by doing while also contributing to the comfort and care of the wonderful dogs in need here at the shelter." The materials for the doghouse were donated by Curtis Lumber.

Rosie's Girls is a program of Vermont Works for Women whose mission is to help women and girls recognize their potential and explore, pursue and excel in work that leads to economic independence. The Humane Society of Chittenden County serves both Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties and works to foster compassionate treatment of animals and to prevent animal suffering.

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Directions to Rosie's Girls Essex:

From I-89: Take exit 12 to Taft Corners/Williston. Take Route 2A through Five Corners, past the dam, past IBM, and into Essex Junction to the Five Corners intersection.

From Route 15: Take Route 15 into Essex Junction to the Five Corners intersection.

From Five Corners: Take Main Street (aka, Route 15) through the intersection (past Road Res-Q on the right and the First Congregational Church on the right, Martone's Deli on the left). Off Route 15, turn left onto Educational Drive. Take your first right onto Drury Drive. Continue on Drury till Meadow Terrace. Turn left. Go to the end of road (the road turns to dirt and goes down a hill to CTE's Building Tech building). We will be in the green and white building straight ahead.

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