

GROUP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM.

09/17/2018. **First meeting of task force investigating former Vt. orphanage**

<https://www.wcax.com/content/news/1st-meeting-of-task-force-investigating-former-Vt-orphanage-493523211.htm>

October 25, 2019, The First gathering of Survivors was held at the Heineberg Club in Burlington, Vt facilitated by Marc Wennberg. There were also 2 victim advocates, Amy Farr and Rachael Farr present.

12/2020. Vermont Attorney General report . Investigation into St. Joseph's Orphanage abuse. <https://ago.vermont.gov/sites/ago/files/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Task-Force-Report-Part-1.pdf>

12/16/2020. 'We must be heard' : St. Joseph's victims react to AG report <https://www.mynbc5.com/amp/article/we-must-be-heard-and-believed-now-st-josephs-victims-react-to-ag-report/34994855>

- 5/25/23: The VT Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Restorative Justice Conference: Katelin Hoffman, Debi Gevry, Brenda Hannon, Marc Wennberg spoke as part of a panel for a workshop on Restorative Justice.

LEGISLATIVE BILL S.99

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2022/WorkGroups/House%20Judiciary/Bills/S.99/Witness%20Testimony/S.99~Marc%20Wennberg~Written%20Testimony~4-23-2021.pdf>

- January 2023: Representative Sarita Austin introduced a new bill H.8 to the House Judiciary Committee seeking to Remove Statute of Limitations for Psychological and Emotional Abuse.

HEALING SPACE AT KIESLICH PARK

- 5/?/23 Development Committee hosted a fundraising event that Mary Ellen Goodrow attended. They received a very large donation of \$25,000 from the Pomerleau Foundation

06/2023. A path to Healing. A new public memorial will honor residents of St. Joseph's Orphanage. Pomerleau family donation. <https://>

www.sevendaysvt.com/news/a-path-to-healing-a-new-public-memorial-will-honor-residents-of-st-josephs-orphanage-38443110
<https://youtu.be/K8kldyr68rM>

- 10/6/23: Tree Dedication Ceremony at Kieslich Park; Sheila Grisard emceed, Katelin Hoffman, Kim Coyne, Robert Dale, Dan Cahill, Sam Hemmingway and Judy Cyprian spoke; Walter Coltey attended and hung his plaque along with other members <https://www.wcax.com/2023/10/06/trees-dedicated-residents-site-former-orphanage/?outputType=amp>

06/2023 Pomerleau Family Foundation makes \$25000 matching gift challenge for healing space at Kieslich Park. <https://www.mynbc5.com/article/fundraising-efforts-underway-for-memorial-honoring-st-josephs-orphanage-survivors/44213829>

06/20/2023 WPTZ news interviewed Brenda Hannon and Debbie Hazen on the kick off for the fund raising for the Memorial Garden. <https://www.mynbc5.com/article/fundraising-efforts-underway-for-memorial-honoring-st-josephs-orphanage-survivors/44213829>

EXHIBITS

02/28/2022. Move Forward With Love: Exhibit Traces Healing Journey of Abuse Survivors

https://www.necn.com/news/local/move-forward-with-love-new-vt-exhibit-traces-healing-journey-of-abuse-survivors/2688545/?_osource=db_npd_nbc_necn_eml_shr

- 1/12/23: VSJO Exhibit opening event at Fletcher Free Library; Brenda emceed and members spoke in person and on zoom: Debbie Hazen, Debbie Gevry, Walter Coltey,
- Jan. 10, 2023: MyChamplainValley interview about the opening of our Exhibit at the Fletcher Free Library. <https://www.mychamplainvalley.com/news/vermont/exhibit-shares-orphanage-survivors-stories-of-abuse/>
- 3/28/23: VSJO Exhibit opening event at VT Law School: Katelin Hoffman, Marc Wennberg, Molly Gray and Judy Cyprian spoke.
- 5/3/23: VSJO Exhibit opening event at Waterbury State Office Complex: Brenda Hannon, Katelin Hoffman, Marc Wennberg, Judy Cyprian spoke and answered questions. Commissioner of DCF and staff were among the attendees.

Tree dedication ceremony

Vermont records

- Jan. 15, 2023: Vermont State Archives and Records Administration(VSARA) presented the report regarding release of records for children who were in state custody .
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- 06/29/2023 WCAX reported about the new law becoming effective July 1st giving VT adoptees access to their records. Mary Ellen Goodrow was interviewed.<https://www.wcax.com/2023/06/29/new-law-gives-vt-adoptees-access-records/>

WRITER'S GROUP

Anthology 2021: The St. Joseph's Orphanage Restorative Inquiry Writers' Group. <https://a.co/d/6QGHMVr>

Call Me by My Name. Jan 27,2022

New Monologue Series Shares Stories of Abuse at Former St. Joseph's Orphanage
<https://www.sevendaysvt.com/arts-culture/new-monologue-series-shares-stories-of-abuse-at-former-st-josephs-orphanage-34760919>

The Buffer and Other Acts of Quiet Defiance. Jan 26,2023. An evening of monologues by the voices of St Josephs Orphanage writers' group Directed by Eric Nightengale & Ami Branson.

<https://www.burlingtoncjc.org/event-details/the-buffer-other-acts-of-quiet-defiance>

Links related to Group's Accomplishments

04/08/2022

WPTZ<https://www.mynbc5.com> › articleVermont House honors abuse survivors of St. Joseph's Orphanage

08/27/2018. Buzz Feed Article by Christine Kenneally

[BuzzFeed News report](#)

[We Saw Nuns Kill Children: The Ghosts of St. Joseph's Catholic Orphanage](#)

08/12/2020. Participant Informed Historical Research- Presentation by India Carter-Bolick and Gabriela Yadegari. <https://youtu.be/xdKQIMlsyDI>

09/10/2018. Task force to investigate orphanage abuse at <https://www.wcax.com/content/news/Task-force-to-be-assigned-to-investigate-orphanage->

abuse-492843761.html

12/14/2020 - St. Joseph's Orphanage Task Force to Announce Conclusion of Investigation³

<https://youtu.be/>

12/2020. Vermont Attorney General report . Investigation into St. Joseph Orphanage abuse. <https://ago.vermont.gov/sites/ago/files/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Task-Force-Report-Part-1.pdf>

- 01/10,2023: ChamplainValley interview with Brenda Hannon regarding the opening of Exhibit at Fletcher Free Library.<https://www.mychamplainvalley.com/news/vermont/exhibit-shares-orphanage-survivors-stories-of-abuse/>
- Jan. 18, 2023: WCAX interview about the Exhibit at Fletcher Free Library and A Memorial to Honor Former Residents of St. Joseph's Orphanage.<https://www.wcax.com/2023/01/18/surviving-st-josephs-orphanage-memorial-planned-honor-former-residents/>
- 02/16/2023. Priscilla Plamondon-Lalancette, [Radio-canada.ca](https://radio-canada.ca) Aired the Documentary on Abuses of children in Canadian Orphanages and St. Joseph's Orphanage, in Burlington, VT.<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/recit-numerique/5387/orphelinats-horreur-viols-torture-disparitions-enfants>
- 03/17/2023: Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN) Reported a story about Christine Kenneally and her new book: Ghosts of the Orphanage stating it centered around St. Joseph's Orphanage in Burlington, Vt.<https://m.startribune.com/review-ghosts-of-the-orphanage-by-christine-kenneally/60025969>
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- 03/20/2023: VPR-VT Edition radio interview with Christine Kenneally and Brenda Hannon on the new release of her book, Ghosts of the Orphanage, and a book signing in Burlington, VT.<https://www.vermontpublic.org/show/vermont-edition/2023-03-20/st-josephs-in-burlington-is-at-center-of-new-book-on-catholic-orphanage-abuses>
- 03/20/2023: MyNBC- WPTZ news did a huge interview with Christine Kenneally about her book and included quotes from Debbie Hazen, and Walter Coltey.<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBkKQByWDko>

- Seven Days published a Large Article commissioned and paid for by Pomerleau Real Estate: A Path to Healing; A New Public Memorial will honor residents of St. Joseph's Orphanage.<https://www.sevendaysvt.com/vermont/a-path-to-healing-a-new-public-memorial-will-honor-residents-of-st-josephs-orphanage/Content?oid=38443110>

06/27/2023: Marybeth Redmond and Brenda Hannon did a radio interview at WVMT about the Orphanage and fundraising efforts going on<https://www.wvmtradio.com/show/the-morning-drive/>

- Extra links.

<https://www.wamc.org/news/2023-06-14/fundraising-begins-for-memorial-to-residents-of-st-josephs-orphanage>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_Bw6loynYs

<https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/st-josephs->

[orphanage](#)

<https://youtu.be/rW6FQgzqlho>



<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/vermont/joint-statement-from-vermont-catholic-charities-and-the-roman-catholic-diocese-of->

<https://www.uvm.edu/~hp206/2012/leckie/webfinal/stjorphan.html>

09/2024. https://www.rutlandherald.com/opinion/perspective/stannard-st-joseph-s-orphanage/article_43c4d6f0-bd29-58d3-b25f-1ea9c29bc404.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/643062117>

<https://ago.vermont.gov/sites/ago/files/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SJO-Task-Force-Report-12.14.20-Appendices-Part-1.pdf>

<https://awards.journalists.org/entries/the-ghosts-of-st-josephs-orphanage/>

<https://www.stjosephsrj inquiry.com>

<https://>

specialcollections.uvm.edu/events/st._josephs

<https://youtu.be/HhE3j4nEMAO?si=OilLoUHPUkh7oKPz>

Ghosts of the Orphanage - Christine Kenneally. Book reviews.



Child USA<https://childusa.org> > how-vermon...How Vermont Handled Abuse at Catholic St. Joseph's Orphanage

<https://www.mynbc5.com/amp/article/we-must-be-heard-and-believed-now-st-josephs-victims-react-to-ag-report/34994855>

<https://youtu.be/XQ1VQvC8oo8>