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### CASINO NIGHT SETS A RECORD FOR WOMENSAFE

WomenSafe held its largest fundraiser, Casino Royale, on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at Sun Valley Party Center located in Auburn, Ohio.

This was a banner year for the event. Over 250 guests tried their luck at gaming tables, silent auction bidding and purchased raffle tickets for a chance to win \$1,000.00. The largest in attendance since its inception ten years ago, the event successfully raised nearly \$28,000.00. All proceeds support the mission of WomenSafe which is to provide emergency shelter and resources to victims of domestic violence throughout Northeast Ohio.

WomenSafe is fortunate enough to have the support of local businesses whose corporate sponsorship made this success possible. Fairmount Minerals, a worldwide company headquartered in Chardon, Ohio once again headlined the event. Shayna Jackson, Executive Director of WomenSafe commented on the partnership, "Fairmount Minerals has helped our agency take our services to the next level. They have been a great support to WomenSafe not only in monetary giving, but always offering a helping hand no matter what the request. It is a testament to their ongoing spirit of giving throughout the community."

Nautica Charity Poker Volunteers Needed: 7/12 & 7/13  
Information online at : <http://www.womensafe.org/invitations/WS%20Vol%20flyer%202011.pdf>

### Top 5 Needs

1. Let's Pretend (dress up clothes-police, fire, chef, princess, and super-hero)
2. Girls clothing (size 7-10)
3. Diapers (all sizes)
4. Twin size beds
5. Garbage Bags

For more information,  
contact the Donation Line:  
440-286-7154 x230

### Save the Date

Sun., September 11, 2011  
Vintage Fashion Show  
Pine Ridge Country Club

October 2011-TBD  
Community Open House &  
WomenSafe Annual Meeting

Sat., February 4, 2012  
Casino Royale  
Patrician Party Center  
~NEW LOCATION FOR 2012~

Stay tuned to [womensafe.org](http://womensafe.org)  
for more information.



WomenSafe is CARF-accredited and has demonstrated that they meet internationally recognized standards.

For 24 Hour Crisis Support Call COPEline 888.285.5665

## CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

If A Child  
Witnesses  
Violence, They are  
Likely To Repeat  
The Behavior

Child therapy, art therapy, services, and peer groups are available to children who have been affected by domestic violence or dating abuse. It is not necessary to have used other WomenSafe services to participate.

WHERE: 12041 Ravenna Road, Chardon, OH

COST: FREE, regardless of economic income.

CONTACT: WomenSafe Counselor, Phyllis Henschel  
440.286.7154 x229 or  
[counselor@womensafe.org](mailto:counselor@womensafe.org)

SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE



[More information on the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project Is Available](#)

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Geauga County Job & Family Services  
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Rita and her 4 children entered shelter after enduring 8 years of constant physical and emotional abuse. She admitted that her spouse had bitten, punched, and head butted her as if it were part of a daily routine. Being told that she was a “dumb fat pig” on a daily basis ensured she would never feel worthy. Rita coped by being emotionless. She talked about these things as if they happened to someone else. Although she left a very violent environment it continued to haunt her while in shelter through her 7 year old son Max. Max was full of rage and showed this by destroying property, hitting his mother, siblings and staff. Rita’s gratitude for being safe quickly turned to exhaustion. She felt helpless to control her son’s behavior and could no longer bear hearing the son she loved imitate his father.



Additional support services, including counseling, helped Rita learn parenting skills. Art therapy helped the children process all that they had seen, felt and heard. Child counseling was crucial with Max as he had not only witnessed the abuse, but was also a victim.

Rita located independent housing and qualified for grant funds which will pay her rent for 12 months. Aftercare services along with counseling has helped Rita discover her worth. She says she feels empowered for the first time in her life. She is able to express her emotions and cries in gratitude at the way her life has changed. She is certain that with WomenSafe’s continued support she will be able to sustain her family.

## FREE GROUP FREE CHILD CARE FREE REFRESHMENTS FREE GIFT BASKETS

*Does the Power and Control Wheel (pictured to the left) describe examples in your relationship or someone that you love?* If so, a weekly support group for women currently or previously in an abusive relationship is available to help.

Participants may be survivors of emotional, physical, verbal, sexual and/or financial abuse and it is not necessary to have used other WomenSafe services to participate. The next group is scheduled to begin on **Wednesday, May 4, 2011**. Groups will be held every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30pm. Light refreshments and free child care are available.

An initial clinical appointment is necessary, please call for details and location. CONTACT: WomenSafe at 440.286.7154 x237 for further information or email [rmoore@womensafe.org](mailto:rmoore@womensafe.org).

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