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Fine art auction will help fight against domestic violence

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Allison Sprock of Allison Sprock Fine Art hosted an Art With Heart preview party recently at her Queens Road gallery. It gave guests a chance to see some of the fabulous art that will be up for auction at the annual fundraiser for United Family Services that's taking place Saturday at Founders Hall, 100 N. Tryon St. Tickets (\$100, or \$200 for patron) can be ordered online until noon Friday at [www.unitedfamilyservices.org/artwithheart](http://www.unitedfamilyservices.org/artwithheart) ; or at the door.

The money raised will go to the nonprofit's new Domestic Violence Shelter for Women & Children. Ground has broken on the project, and \$8.3 million of the \$10 million needed has been raised, so funds from this year's Art with Heart are especially crucial.

Domestic violence affects every strata of society - from those in million-dollar homes to families struggling financially - and men can be victims, too, although most are women. Previously, victims could only be given refuge for 30 days at United Family Services' shelter, which had limited space. With the new, enlarged shelter and expanded programs, they'll be able to stay for a year, and their children will receive even more help in hopes of breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

Whether you love art, love the cause or just love a great party, supporting the event by attending will truly make a difference.