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Betsy Jacaruso Gallery to Exhibit Grace Smith House’s “Clothesline Project” Bringing Awareness to Domestic Violence in Rhinebeck

Location: Betsy Jacaruso Gallery, [43-2 E Market, St Rhinebeck NY 12572](#)

Duration: Saturday, October 21, 2023, 5 -7 pm.

Cost: Free and open to the public

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Poughkeepsie, NY (October 11, 2023) – **Betsy Jacaruso Gallery** and **Rhinebeck Bank** are partnering in support of **Grace Smith House’s 2023 Clothesline Project**, a powerful visual display of t-shirts decorated by survivors of domestic violence or their loved ones.

A nationwide movement, The Clothesline Project aims to increase awareness about domestic and sexual violence, something particularly impactful during October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For 42 years, Grace Smith House has provided victims of domestic violence with several critical services, including crisis intervention and information, 24/7 emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, support groups and much more.

Grace Smith House will host a Clothesline Project exhibition at the Betsy Jacaruso Gallery, Rhinebeck Courtyard, 43 East Market Street #2, Rhinebeck, from October 20th – 22nd with an opening reception and donation collection on Saturday, October 21st, 5-7pm. Rhinebeck Bank will continue to collect monetary donations (cash or check) and

personal hygiene products in support of Grace Smith House between Monday, October 23rd and Friday, November 3rd at its 6414 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck branch. (Please visit Grace Smith House's website at <https://www.gracesmithhouse.org/how-to-help/donate-items.html> for a comprehensive list of items they need for their in-house pantry.)

Betsy Jacaruso Gallery will donate a portion of proceeds from any artwork sales Oct 20 - 22 to Grace Smith House. Betsy Jacaruso, gallery owner and artist says, "I have been wanting to work with Grace Smith House for a long time, and I am fortunate to be able to give the Clothesline Project visibility in Rhinebeck." Jacaruso adds, "I hope our community will come out to support those affected by domestic violence in whatever way they can."

"We're so grateful to have this opportunity to support our friends at Grace Smith House," said Sharon Whiteley, assistant vice president and branch manager at the Bank's Rhinebeck location and Grace Smith House board member. "The Clothesline Project is a truly powerful display – one that helps those impacted in their healing process, while also educating and making our community more aware of the prevalence of domestic and sexual violence problems happening around us."

Betsy Jacaruso Gallery is located in the Rhinebeck Courtyard, 43-2 East Market Street, Rhinebeck NY, and gallery hours for viewing are Friday & Saturday 11 am - 5 pm, Sunday 11 am - 4 pm, and by appointment (email info@betsyjacaruso.com). Follow [@betsyjacarusogallery](https://www.instagram.com/betsyjacarusogallery) on Instagram for more updates. For more information, please visit [betsyjacaruso.com/exhibit](https://www.betsyjacaruso.com/exhibit)

For details regarding donations at Rhinebeck Bank, please see Sharon Whiteley at the Bank's Rhinebeck branch during regular business hours. Additional information about the Clothesline Project is available on the Grace Smith House website at <https://www.gracesmithhouse.org/news-events/clothesline-project.html>.