

**Join Poughkeepsie AAUW for:**

## **“MORE BEAUTIFUL FOR HAVING BEEN BROKEN”**

**December 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm (6:30 to shop)**

### **Unitarian Fellowship\*\***

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome **Kelly Lyndgaard** and **Rachel Hermosillo** to speak about *Unshattered*, a nonprofit social enterprise located in the town of East Fishkill. Just named the 2018 Nonprofit of the Year by Think Dutchess Alliance for Business, *Unshattered* employs women who are winning their fight against addiction.

The women of *Unshattered* make handbags and other textile products out of repurposed items and other high-quality, donated materials. These products are tangible representations of the transformation occurring in their lives. The process of taking pieces of discarded materials and turning them into beautiful handbags helps the artists discover the power of true change and that wholeness can be returned to something once broken.



**Kelly Lyndgaard is the founder and CEO of *Unshattered*.** An engineer and physicist by training, Kelly is a problem solver and strategist at heart. Her heart was broken seeing relapses occur for those who had worked so hard to attain sobriety but had no safe place to return to after recovery. Inspired by the strength and commitment of women doing the hard work of recovery at the Hoving Home, Kelly wanted to build them a path forward to sustained sobriety and economic stability. She is on a mission to end relapse by providing job skills and employment for those who traditionally have difficulty finding employment.

Having long admired the social business model which uses enterprise to solve social issues, Kelly began *Unshattered* as a side project in 2013. She eventually stepped out of her executive role in the technology industry to establish the organization and officially founded *Unshattered* as a 501c3 nonprofit social enterprise in December, 2016. To date *Unshattered* boasts a 0% relapse rate for the women employed with the company.

Kelly and her husband live in Dutchess County, NY and she is a graduate of Taylor University. Outside of being an entrepreneur she loves reading, conquering challenges, and finding unexpected delight!



**Rachel Hermosillo is the Sales Lead for *Unshattered*** and previously worked in the Dental Surgery field. She is the mother of one daughter who is 27 years old. Today her daughter can be proud to call her "Mother." For more than 27 years, Rachel was taken down by her addictions and now addiction has been replaced with a beautiful life in recovery. Her goal is to pursue her passion for women in recovery.



**Handbags and other products made by the women of *Unshattered* will be available for purchase prior to the start of the meeting.** Those interested in browsing and/or buying may arrive at the Unitarian Fellowship at 6:30 that evening.

**\*\*Directions:** Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie at 67 South Randolph Ave. can be accessed from Hooker Ave. **OR** take Route 9 to Sharon Dr. (near Holiday Inn). At the end of Sharon turn left onto Beechwood then the first right onto Ferris Lane, next an immediate left to S. Randolph. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie is on the right.

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