



"Thank you for all you did for my daughter. Her time in your shelter was the turning point in her life. She has continued to do well since leaving..."

Parent of 14 year old girl who had stayed in Graff Shelter

"An absolutely beautiful facility".

A probation officer responsible for placing girls in care.

The Graff Shelter is Licensed by the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services.



Directions: The Graff Shelter is located on the San Mar campus in Washington County, Maryland at the foot of South Mountain. It is on Rt. 66 two miles north of Boonsboro, Maryland. The Home is 2.7 miles south of Interstate 70, Exit 35 towards Boonsboro. The San Mar campus is located one hour from Baltimore, Washington, Cumberland and Harrisburg.

Dr. Henry & Florence Hill Graff

For over 50 years Florence Graff was a member of the San Mar Board, and active as a San Mar volunteer helping in numerous ways. In 2005 her generous contribution helped to make the construction of the shelter possible.

In response to her belief in what San Mar has done in the lives of children and youth over many years the San Mar Board voted to name the shelter in memory of her husband and in her honor.

Dr. Graff was a well known eye specialist who had dedicated his life to saving the sight of many.

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SAN MAR

Established 1883

THE GRAFF SHELTER FOR GIRLS



LIFE IS SHORT
SPEND IT WITH PEOPLE
WHO CARE AND
KEEP YOU SAFE

PROVIDING GENDER SPECIFIC CARE
DAILY SINCE JULY 26, 2006

A program of the San Mar Continuum of
services for adolescent girls



The Graff Shelter

Average length of stay: 30 days [may remain in program for up to 90 days]

Program capacity: 12 girls,
13 - 18 years old.

RN - full time on campus.

Girls in the program must not present an active risk to the safety of self or others.

Referrals are accepted 24 hours per day
7 days a week.

All girls in the shelter attend the San Mar School with classes occurring in the shelter.

It is a Type 3 program licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Admissions Contact:

*301.733.9067 ext, 755
after hours: ext 750*

The San Mar Continuum

In addition to the Graff Shelter San Mar operates a continuum of care for adolescent girls that offers the following services:

The San Mar Academy - This 90 day program with measurable objectives operates in the Anna K. Findlay group home. It provides students with the opportunity to gain practical skills in the technology center, learn numerous job skills, participate in money management that will be needed for living successfully outside of the system, and be a member of an active and challenging adventure program. This program is particularly effective for girls who will be returning home or transitioning to living on their own. It provides them a base for successful living in today's world.

The Barr Therapeutic Group Home: This 8 bed program is San Mar's most clinically intensive in the continuum. Girls receive individual, group and family therapy on a regular basis, as well as expressive arts therapy. A referral from a licensed master level therapist or greater is required for consideration into the program. The average length of stay is one year.

The Anderson Transitional Living Home: This long term program is available to girls who have successfully completed one of the other San Mar programs. Girls in this program attend school and may work in the community. While in the program they will learn life skills and prepare for moving out on their own or attending college. There are many success stories of girls completing this program!

San Mar Treatment Foster Care and Adoptions: This program, founded in 1991, is now the largest of the agency and serves both boys and girls of all ages in homes throughout Washington [and Frederick] County. Girls no longer needing the high structure of the therapeutic group home may be considered for placement when recommendation is from the treatment team and the placing worker requests acceptance into the program.

Educational Services

Upon admission to the program assessments shall be completed to determine the appropriate educational placement. San Mar advocates for the least restrictive level of placement that enables the girl to succeed. When the local public school is not deemed to be the most effective placement other options may include: The San Mar School [type 3], Brook Lane's Laurel Hall [Intensity 5], or the Antietam Academy [the Washington County Alternative School]. Girls needing to complete their GED may do so in the San Mar School while in residence. High school graduates may attend the Hagerstown Community College when appropriate. A scholarship has been established at the college for San Mar residents and alumni, and gets used. Individual tutoring is provided as needed.

