

MEDIA RELEASE**EMBARGOED UNTIL 24 JUNE 2026****PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: Wed 24th June 2026, 11:30am-12noon****LOCATION: Hobart Women's Shelter, South Hobart – see further details below.****'Philanthropy strengthens partnership supporting women experiencing family violence'**

Engender Equality and Hobart Women's Shelter are pleased to announce new philanthropic funding from Family Frontline Support, enabling the continuation and strengthening of their place-based therapeutic partnership in southern Tasmania. This investment will enable the two organisations to deepen their collaborative model, ensuring women and children experiencing family violence can access integrated, trauma-informed support where and when they need it most.

The partnership brings together crisis accommodation and specialist therapeutic services, offering a coordinated response that prioritises safety, healing, and long-term recovery. By working alongside each other on-site, practitioners can respond quickly and provide consistent, wraparound support.

Alina Thomas, CEO at Engender Equality, said the funding recognises the importance of collaboration in responding to family violence. "We know that women's recovery is strengthened when services work together in a coordinated and relational way. This funding allows us to continue delivering therapeutic support embedded within Hobart Women's Shelter—meeting women where they are and responding to their needs in real time."

Janet Saunders, CEO at Hobart Women's Shelter, welcomed the investment as a significant contribution to women's safety, health and wellbeing. "Our partnership with Engender Equality has transformed how we are able to support residents at the Shelter. Having specialist therapeutic support available on-site means women can access care in a way that feels safe, timely, and connected to their broader needs."

Richard Gorman, Director and Board Chair Family Frontline Support said they are pleased to support collaborative responses to family violence. "We are proud to support this important partnership between Engender Equality and Hobart Women's Shelter. Place-based, collaborative approaches like this are critical to ensuring women can access the support they need. In an environment where victim survivors face huge wait times to get support, we are pleased to improve access to services for women at the Shelter."

Family Frontline Support's investment reflects a growing commitment within the philanthropic sector to fund place-based, collaborative responses to complex social issues. This funding will ensure the continuation of embedded therapeutic services at Hobart Women's Shelter, supporting women to navigate the impacts of violence, rebuild their lives, and move toward safe and sustainable futures.

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