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ROXBURY, SOUTH END

## Mother's Day craft fair Friday at South Station to benefit Rosie's Place shelter

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A special Mother's Day craft fair to benefit the nation's first homeless shelter for women will be held Friday.

In South Station's main concourse area, artisans from [Rosie's Place](#) shelter will craft and sell gifts made from vintage buttons and other accessories. Additionally, wrist bands and pennants donated by the Boston Red Sox, along with four tickets to the Big Apple Circus, valued at \$132 each, will be raffled off during the fair. All proceeds benefit the shelter.

The Women's Craft Cooperative is organized by the shelter and hosted by the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company, the announcement said.

The shelter, founded three-and-a-half decades ago, provides emergency and long-term help to women struggling to make ends meet. The nonprofit, located near the Roxbury- South End line, receives no government funding and is supported by private funding and volunteers.

"The purchase of these crafts is a 'win-win' with a beautiful gift to give while directly enabling Women's Craft Cooperative to thrive and bring greater strength and purpose to the artisans of Rosie's Place," said the release."

"The Women's Craft Cooperative allows women from the shelter begin a path towards a better life, introducing them to craft skills and the basics of merchandising, as the cooperative aims to foster self-esteem and creativity, along with employable skills, a greater earning potential, and a source of income to the artisans," the railroad company has said in past announcements of [similar, annual holiday craft fairs](#).

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