Unshattered, Inc. has been awarded a $5,000 grant from the Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation to invest in the development and delivery of a training curriculum to help former female addicts with professional development and training. This piece of their program will identify, structure, and deliver a curriculum that helps women become good employees, valuable members of the community, and encourages them to be a successful, thriving adult.

“Many studies show that community, personal development, and employment are keys to long term sobriety. Our success metrics are proving it. To scale our organization and impact more women, we need to invest in a curriculum and the resources needed to successfully build and execute this,” said Kelly Lyndgaard, Founder/CEO, Unshattered, Inc. “We are grateful for this investment from Ulster Savings to help us achieve this,” she added.

As a nonprofit organization, Unshattered’s mission is to end relapse by employing women who are winning their battle against addiction. The organization began as a fundraising project—making handbags from repurposed, upcycled materials—and teaching women at the Hoving Home—a faith-based substance abuse treatment center—to make them. In 2016, Unshattered was created offering full-time jobs for women in recovery. Since that time they have experienced zero relapses on their payroll. 100% of their product sales go directly to employment and benefits for women in recovery.

The Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation was formed in 2003 to assist the local community in areas of housing, education, and human services.

For more information about Unshattered or to purchase a bag from their online store, please visit them online at www.unshattered.org. You can also visit their retail shop—Unshattered Boutique—at 1064 Route 82, Hopewell Junction.

Photo Caption: Unshattered, Inc. receives a $5,000 check from Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation. Pictured (from left to right): Michael Janasiewicz, VP—Bank Operations, Ulster Savings Bank; Kelly Lyndgaard, Founder/CEO, Unshattered; Bill Calderara, President and CEO, Ulster Savings Bank; and John Finch, EVP/COO, Ulster Savings Bank.