



THE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS SHOWCASES FAS “MANY FACES OF VICTIMS”

The Academy of the Arts Museum exhibited the Mental Health and Rape Crisis Center at For All Seasons' project, “The Many Faces of Victims” on January 11, 2012. The “Faces” project is a collaborative effort by clients of FAS and local artists to achieve self-expression, healing from the trauma of sexual violence and transformation through art. In a two day workshop, artists and FAS clients worked together to create illuminating self portraits, reflecting trauma and recovery.

The result is 20 individual “Faces” using prefabricated heads and a variety of materials, an array of colors, textures, shapes and patterns, clients and artists together embarked on a journey, visualizing their lives from innocence, through the trauma, culminating in the future they envision for themselves. “The Many Faces of Victims” represent a fearless exploration by clients and artists, revealing the cathartic effect of art on individual lives touched, changed and affected by rape and sexual abuse.

FAS is the rape crisis/sexual assault center for the Mid-Shore and provides 24/7 support services for victims and their families. Recently the U.S. Department of Justice expanded the definition of rape which will be reflected in future national crime reporting statistics. Rape remains the most underreported of violent crimes and FAS emphasizes the message that “No Means No”. For more information about FAS, please visit www.forallseasonsinc.org.

