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## <u>Chinook Sexual Assault Centre call for artwork – "Impact Unveiled: Beyond the Silence"</u>

As the only stand-alone Sexual Assault Centre in Southwestern Alberta, we provide leadership, advocacy, and comprehensive services for victims of sexual violence. A community-based organization, we not only serve people of all ages that have been impacted by sexual abuse/assault, we also provide public education and advocate with the government to create awareness and change in our society. In November 2023, we completed renovations for the Chinook Child and Youth Advocacy Centre which is specifically dedicated to helping children/youth who have experienced abuse or severe neglect.

"Impact Unveiled: Beyond the Silence" will be hosted at the Yates Theatre Art Gallery through May 2025 in observance of Sexual Violence Awareness Month. Our goal is to create a space where those impacted by sexual violence feel seen, heard, and supported, as well as curate art that will encourage important conversations. While the focus of this project is to support individuals impacted by sexualized violence, submissions do not need to directly address this topic. We invite art that celebrates survival, healing, strength, empowerment, and the emotions tied to these experiences. Artists from all backgrounds, disciplines, and identities are encouraged to participate. This is a chance to showcase your creative voice while contributing to an installation that inspires change and offers meaningful support to a vital cause.

## Criteria of work that will be accepted:

- We recognize the importance of safety, privacy, and confidentiality. You **are not** required to use your name on your work you can choose to remain anonymous or use a pseudonym
- All art must be original
- Artwork should explore themes such as healing, resilience, and empowerment
  - All pieces should be appropriate for all ages (the gallery is a family friendly setting)
  - o The art does not need to specifically address or align with themes of sexual violence
  - o Artwork that is sexual and/or encourages/depicts violence will not be accepted.
  - Artwork that depicts nudity will not be accepted
- Aligning with the gallery display criteria, art must either be on canvases or framed.
  - o Artwork that is not in these forms (including 3D art) and will not be accepted
- Artwork should be at least 16x20 inches

## **Submission Guidelines:**

- Artwork applications can be submitted via the form found at this QR code:
- The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2025. After this, we will let you
  know via email if your artwork has been accepted by April 14
- If your artwork is accepted, we will need to have it in our possession by April 22.



We are excited to see your work and to create an impactful space together. Thank you for considering this opportunity to share your creativity and support a cause that is both urgent and essential. If you have any questions or would like more information about the installation, themes, or the submission process, please contact Lauryn Evans at either <a href="mailto:lauryn@csacleth.ca">lauryn@csacleth.ca</a> or (403) 694-1094.