



## **2023 SHIFTING SPACES STUDENT ART SHOWCASE: OFFICIAL RULES**

**WHO:** Students in Montgomery County (grades 6-12)

**WHAT:** Design an original art piece of your choosing (poster, collage, painting, photograph, poem, sculpture, graphic media, video, etc.) describing this year's main theme.

**THEME/BACKGROUND:** The theme for the 2023 Shifting Spaces Art Showcase is **"What Is Love?"**. This year's showcase will take place in March, falling between Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (February) and Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April). We are hosting this showcase as a way to raise awareness that domestic violence and sexual assault are community problems that require community solutions. Domestic violence and sexual assault are pervasive through our society, but we know that we can put an end to them. We know that...

- Nearly **1 in 3 teens will experience some form** of physical, verbal, emotional, or sexual abuse within a dating relationship before graduating high school.
- Additionally, **1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will experience some form of domestic abuse** during their lifetime.
- **1 in 6 women has been a victim of an attempted or completed rape** in their lifetime and **1 in 6 men have experience sexual abuse or assault** in their lifetime.
- Younger people are at a higher risk of sexual assault: **ages 12-34 are the highest risk years for rape or sexual assault.**
- Only **33% of teens will tell someone about the abuse that's occurring.**

**WHEN:** All artwork must be submitted to Laurel House by **February 3, 2023**. Artwork can be mailed to **Laurel House ATTN: COMMUNITY EDUCATION P.O. Box 764 Norristown PA 19404** or dropped off at our office location at **180 W Germantown Pike #2, East Norriton, PA 19401**. Pickup by Laurel House can also be arranged, but notice must be given 2 weeks in advance.

**AWARDS:** There will be a first, second, and third place prize for each academic level. Academic levels are set as: middle school (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and high school (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). By submitting an art piece, you are allowing Laurel House and Victims Services Center of Montgomery County, Inc., to utilize your artwork publicly.

- First Place: \$100
- Second Place: \$75
- Third Place: \$50

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**JUDGING:** Winners will be selected based on the following criteria: creativity/originality, professional quality (neatness and craft), and interpretation of topic (What Is Love?). For 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, the artwork should help answer the question “How do we show people we care about them?” For 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, the artwork should help answer the question “What does a healthy relationship look like?”. Artwork should be compelling, aesthetic in design and carry a message.

**RECOGNITION:** Participating students are invited to attend the Student Art Showcase, honoring Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, on March 23, 2023 at the Montgomery Township Parks & Recreation building. The ceremony will take place from 6:30-8:00pm. The address for the building is 1030 Horsham Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936. Selected student artwork will also be displayed throughout the year at various events and through social media.

**RETURN OF ARTWORK:** Students have the option to receive their art back OR to donate it to Laurel House and the Victim Services Center of Montgomery County, Inc., to be used in promotional materials or awareness events. If students opt to have their artwork returned, it will be returned by April 31, 2023.

**HOW TO ENTER:** Along with their artwork, students are required to submit a completed STUDENT ENTRY FORM (see attached). Requirements include name, grade, school, and signature of supporting teacher or parent. You can also use the digital version of this form by visiting: [www.bit.ly/LH\\_VSC\\_StudentEntry](http://www.bit.ly/LH_VSC_StudentEntry). **If you use the digital version of the entry form, be sure that your name and contact information is on your artwork so we can match your form to your piece.**

**QUESTIONS:** For general questions about the contest or art showcase, please contact **Jessica Carson** at [education@vscmontcopa.org](mailto:education@vscmontcopa.org) (phone: 610-277-0932 ext. 232) or contact **Maureen Murray** at [education@laurel-house.org](mailto:education@laurel-house.org) (phone: 610-277-1860 ext. 121).

**If you have questions about mailing/arranging pick-ups for your submission or want to confirm your submission was received,** please contact Maureen Murray at [education@laurel-house.org](mailto:education@laurel-house.org) or at 610-277-1860 ext. 121.



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*By completing this form, you are allowing Laurel House and Victim Services Center of Montgomery County, Inc., (VSC) to utilize your artwork publicly during and after the event. You are also allowing Laurel House and VSC to make copies of your art to be used within outreach and social media.*

**Name\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Method of Contact (telephone number, email, etc.)\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Artwork (poster, collage, video, poem, etc.)\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Description of Piece\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Piece (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Teacher or Parent\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info (email/phone) for Teacher/Parent\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Teacher/Parent\*:** \_\_\_\_\_