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Patrisha McLean
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Dear Patrisha,

Your photography exhibit in February was an amazing experience for us and for our community.

As a public library with a gallery, this display not only provided us a beautiful art portrait exhibit, it also provided us with opportunities.

Although Finding Our Voices was about domestic abuse, it was done with many levels of viewer participation. The stunning portraits drew you closer, the written statements next to the portraits were raw, and the option to further engage by listening to the women tell their own stories (by dialing a number code on your phone that was provided next to each portrait) was startlingly brave and intimate.

As you know, many of these beautiful portraits were of people from our community. Their personal stories were shocking, uncomfortable, and yet extremely important to hear.

Finding Our Voices started many conversations, all while giving us a place to provide resources for domestic abuse for the public.

We felt as though this was the perfect use for our public library gallery. Thank you for offering us the opportunity to partner with you on this very special exhibit.

Sincerely,

Nikki Maounis
Executive Director