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**Re: “The Games We Play and the Masks We Wear” at the 2008 Healing Through Creativity Festival**

Dear Veronica,

On behalf of Healing through Creativity, Inc. (HTC), thank you so much for both displaying and presenting your works entitled “The Games We Play and the Masks We Hide Behind” at the 2008 Healing Through Creativity Festival in the Davis Fine Arts Center on the campus of West Virginia State University. The works are an extremely creative and uniquely effective way of telling a story of abuse. The breathtaking graphics were the centerpiece of the Festival and caught the eyes of those passing by. The combined effect of the artistically layered photo images literally stopped viewers in their tracks. These works communicated a deep understanding of the plight that undeserved guilt causes and the prison that silence creates. At the same time, your works and presentation flowed with the exhilaration of the freedom that can be gained through speaking out. We are especially grateful for the positive message that you portrayed. You were able to bring peace, understanding and love to the audience.

The presentation of “The Games We Play and the Masks We Hide Behind” expertly combined drama with audiovisuals. The idea of the masks we wear and why we wear them is something universally understood and you used this common thread woven with your fantastic photographic ability to capture the audience with the freedom of their own understanding. Your portrayal of the harlequin behind a mask, slowly revealing her true self through breath taking photographic collages made a lasting impact on everyone in attendance. You were able to combine sight, sound, touch and smell in such a way as to keep everyone on the edges of their seats. As you removed parts of your costume and involved the audience, you helped the viewer become more deeply immersed in the story. It was very symbolic and moving. We've never seen anything like it. The art was stunningly beautiful and so full of meaning, and the presentation was totally captivating.

HTC is extremely grateful to you for sharing of the positive aspects of healing through your art and presentation. Thank you so much for reaching out to others and making such an impact on their lives. Your art and presentation of "The Games We Play and the Masks We Wear" can make a difference to attitudes, one community at a time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Robertson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

George A. Robertson, Organizer - Healing Through Creativity