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## **Art 4 Shelter Fundraiser Returns for Its 13<sup>th</sup> Year**

**Join us in person May 12, 2023, at Glass House, 145 Holden St., Minneapolis**

On May 12, Art 4 Shelter returns to Glass House in Minneapolis to celebrate its 13<sup>th</sup> year. This annual public exhibition and art sale features original works donated by artists and is a vital fundraiser for Simpson Housing Services. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit Simpson's mission to house, support, and advocate for people experiencing homelessness.

Every year, Art 4 Shelter showcases the works of hundreds of generous artists. Over 1,000 original pieces will be displayed anonymously at Glass House and offered for fixed, affordable prices (\$35 for a 5"x7" image, \$75 for an 8"x10" image, etc.). These prices reflect the cost of housing a shelter guest for one night.

Attendees are invited to explore in person and then pluck whatever art compels them right off the walls, not knowing until later if they've been created by an established favorite or an emerging artist. It's like a treasure hunt, a night of discovery, and a showcase of our massively talented creative community all in one.

Art 4 Shelter is a one-day fundraiser this year, but there's plenty to see and do! This year will include both in-person and virtual art sales, including:

**First Look Luncheon | May 12, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

Exclusive first look at and chance to purchase original Art 4 Shelter artworks. Enjoy a delicious lunch with complimentary wine. Tickets available at [www.simpsonhousing.org/art4shelter](http://www.simpsonhousing.org/art4shelter).

**In-Person Art Sale | May 12, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.**

Exhibit and sale of original artwork, photography, and ceramics. Free and open to the public.

**Auction | May 12, 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.**

Online auction featuring ceramics, jewelry, sculptures, large pieces of artwork, and more from local artists. Browse the auction from the event or the comfort of your own home! Free and open to the public.

**Virtual Art Sale | Summer 2023**

Online art sale featuring a variety of artwork. Browse an amazing collection and discover hidden treasures.

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Simpson Housing Services annually serves 2,000 people, including 300 families and 650 children. Art 4 Shelter provides vital funding for Simpson’s shelter and housing programs, but it’s more than that, according to Simpson Board Member and Art 4 Shelter Committee Chair Audra Williams. “This event has come to represent so much of what Simpson is,” Williams says. “When we share art with one another, we’re sharing beauty; we’re celebrating our community’s identity and ideas. And thanks to the talented artists who show up year after year, we’re sharing shelter, too.”

Since the inception of Art 4 Shelter in 2011, artists have raised over \$1 million to provide shelter and housing for people experiencing homelessness.

“Art 4 Shelter is a tremendous collaboration with the arts community, leveraging our shared passion for social justice,” says Steve Horsfield, who serves as Simpson’s executive director. “We are grateful to focus this energy to generate significant financial support for our shelter and housing programs.”

To see images of Art 4 Shelter artwork and learn about featured artists, participating artists, and how to submit art, visit [simpsonhousing.org/art4shelter](http://simpsonhousing.org/art4shelter).

**About Art 4 Shelter:** Art 4 Shelter was founded by mother-daughter team Karen and Megan Rye. Karen served on the Simpson Board of Directors from 2008 through 2014. Megan, an acclaimed painter, also served on the Simpson Board of Directors from 2012 through 2017. Donated original artwork would sell for \$35, roughly the cost to house a shelter guest for one night. For over a decade, Art 4 Shelter has showcased the inspiring, diverse talents of the artist community and engaged supporters locally and across the country, all sharing in Simpson’s critical mission to end homelessness.

**About Simpson Housing Services:** Simpson Housing Services’ mission is to house, support, and advocate for people experiencing homelessness. The nonprofit serves about 2,000 people experiencing and transitioning out of homelessness annually, including 300 families with 650 children. In response to unmet community needs, Simpson’s key programs have grown to include the following: a 24-hour emergency shelter; supportive housing programs for youth, single adults, and families; and developmental and educational services for children, including early childhood services, mentoring, tutoring, and education opportunities to promote strong communities and self-advocacy. Learn more about Simpson’s impact at [simpsonhousing.org](http://simpsonhousing.org).

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