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(Washington DC) - **'Women, Arts and Social Responsibility'** was the theme of the social gathering that brought Washingtonians together at the Warehouse Gallery on April 20th not only to view the award winning "For Women By Women" photo project from Turkey, but also discuss women's issues in a creative environment and support a shelter that provides services for victims of abuse.



Arts For Global Development, Inc (Art4Development.Net) curated the second exhibition of the 'For Women By Women' Photo Project in the Washington DC area and organized the *'happy-hour with a cause'* event in support with the American Turkish Association of Washington DC (ATA DC) , Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association US (TUSIAD US), and Kardelen Dance Ensemble.

Natasha Marks, *Director of Global Leadership Institute from Vital Voices*, was the guest speaker of the social event who focused on women's issues from a global perspective. She emphasized that gender related problems

are global and need immediate attention. The *Founder of Art4Development.Net*, Nil Sismanyazici-Navaie talked about the mission of the program and the correlation of women, arts and social responsibility, while Demet Cabbar, *Cultural Events Co-chair of ATA-DC*, highlighted issues concerning women in Turkey and addressed the importance of helping underprivileged women in achieving development. Belmin Soylemez, a documentary film director and a contributing photographer of the 'For Women By Women' project, joined the event from Turkey and informed the audience/guests about the photo project and the shelter in Urfa.



The international crowd at the Warehouse Gallery enjoyed the evening while supporting the women's shelter in Urfa, a town located in the South East Anatolia region of Turkey. Half of the exhibited photos were sold during the silent auction, raising funds for the shelter that offers supportive services for victims of abuse and individuals at risk.



The 'For Women By Women' photo exhibition will continue to be on display until April 30th at the Warehouse Gallery on 1021 Seventh (7) Street, NW, Washington DC.

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