

'For Women By Women (FWBW)' photo project met for the fourth time with Washingtonians on October 8, 2006!

The first For Women By Women - FWBW exhibition in the USA was launched in March at the 'Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission Center' to celebrate the 2006 International Women's Day. The award winning "For Women By Women" photo project from Turkey has been showcased at 'The Gallery at Warehouse' in April and the 'University of Maryland' in May.

FWBW is an initiative founded by an independent voluntary group of professional and amateur female photographers who came together to help create a change in the status of underprivileged women in Turkey. The photographers' goal is to **create awareness about the issues of violence against women, foster positive change in the lives of women at risk, and help provide funding for women's organizations and shelters.**

Since its launch in May 2005 FWBW project initiative exhibited in numerous cities in Turkey (Istanbul, Diyarbakir, Duzce, Canakkale, Kars, Urfa, Izmir) London, UK and Washington DC metro area; shared their photographs at the 'Women and Folk Songs' concert co-organized by the United Nation's Population Fund (part of the Stop Violence Against Women national campaign of the General Directorate of Women Status of the Turkish Republic Prime Ministry); and raised grants for the *Independent Women's Support Association* in Mersin and *Women Solidarity Association* in Urfa.

Photographs from the FWBW project were on display and available for purchase during the Turkish Cultural Festival. The festival took place on Sunday October 8th from 10 am to 6pm on Pennsylvania Ave. NW (between 12th and 14th St), Washington DC.

Hundreds of festival guests visited the FWBW booth to learn more about this inspiring project and view the vibrating, witty, and stimulating photos of female Turkish photographers!



100% of the sales proceeds of the FWBW photos are being donated to a shelter in South East Anatolia region of Turkey that houses victims of abuse and provides counseling services for individuals at risk.

For further details on FWBW please visit <http://www.kadinlaricin.org/engdc.html>. FWBW Washington DC metro exhibits and events are coordinated in support with the Arts For Global Development, Inc volunteers. For FWBW Washington DC events please click on <http://www.art4development.net/fwbwdc%20exhibits.html> or contact fwbw@art4development.

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