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OCOEE, FL – The Perfect Union Gallery is excited to announce the opening of “We Were Always More” an exhibition giving Sexual Assault (SA) Survivors a platform to share their truth. The gallery invites artists, art enthusiasts and the community to the exhibition’s grand reception and opening on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 6-9 pm.

Located at The Perfect Union Art Gallery in the West Oaks Mall, 9401 West Colonial Dr., Ocoee, FL 34761, the exhibit will present Survivors’ stories as they focus on navigating their journeys through a visual platform. This exhibition will ignite resilience and healing while highlighting the Survivors strengths to overcome their traumatic experiences.

Curated by Trish Jimenez and Gareth Edwards, we ask the community to join us for the evening while we stand in solidarity with Survivors. Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in interactive sessions, and discussions led by artists and experts in the field of trauma recovery. In conjunction with Victim’s Services Center and University of Central Florida, “We Were Always More” will provide resources, and foster a supportive community around issues related to sexual assault and art as therapy.

“Instead of focusing on just being statistics and triggering details, we want to focus on navigating our journeys through a visual platform.” Said Trish Jimenez, the curator of the exhibition. “We want to encourage participants to become advocates for change in their communities and support each other while creating an artistic connection to ourselves.”

### Event Details:

- What: "We Were Always More" Sexual Assault Survivor Exhibit
- Where: A Perfect Union Art Gallery, West Oaks Mall, 9401 W. Colonial Dr., Ocoee, FL 34761
- When: Reception on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Gallery Hours: Tues-Sat 12:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Sun-Mon By appointment
- Contact for Appointment: Gareth 407-961-9135

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Trish Jimenez at [tricialjimenez@gmail.com](mailto:tricialjimenez@gmail.com) or visit the gallery's website at [www.aperfectunion.org](http://www.aperfectunion.org).

"We Were Always More" promises a groundbreaking art exhibition featuring powerful and poignant works created by Survivors of sexual assault. Don't miss this unique collection of art that serves as a profound testament to resilience, healing, and the transformative power of artistic expression.