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On October 23, the 2021 Mad Hatter benefiting The Sexual Assault Center will showcase the exclusive launch of the "SEEN," a highly unique and inspiring collection of fine-art photographs and stories based on the healing journeys of victim-survivors of sexual assault. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from the survivors and the photographer, Dan Heller, as well as get a first glimpse of this "first-of-its-kind" project.

The sixteen featured subjects collaborated with Heller on each portrait with their stories and emotions as a guide and were free to choose how they wanted to express their experiences, strength, and resilience, as well as their vulnerabilities at specific moments in their healing journeys. As a result, these portraits allow uniquely personal truths to finally be seen without judgment or shame.

The goal of SEEN is to help inspire other victim-survivors to share their stories, reclaim their personal agency and seek a brighter

path toward hope and healing. More broadly, SEEN hopes to model a culture of compassion, where victim-survivors can receive unconditional support from loved ones and their communities, institutions, and society at large. The project will launch as a book, then roll out in the coming months in gallery exhibitions, book signings, and other diverse forums, all intended to raise public awareness and spark frank discussions on sexual abuse.

The Mad Hatter will be held virtually, with a silent auction and special musical performances during the event.

The Sexual Assault Center wishes to thank Presenting Sponsor HCA Healthcare/TriStar Health, The Frist Foundation, and Smith-Douglas Homes for their generous support of this new and powerful approach to healing and community engagement. 

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