

# AWAKENINGS

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# OUR MISSION

WE MAKE VISIBLE THE ARTISTIC EXPRESSION OF SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awakenings provides year-round programming at our gallery space in the Ravenswood neighborhood of Chicago.

Through showcasing survivor art, our programming provides a safe space and supportive community for survivors who wish to share their stories, and also educates the public about the reality of sexual assault through rotating art exhibits, a digital literary magazine, concerts, and other performances. Awakenings offers an eye-opening experience by providing a window into what it's like to endure this kind of trauma.

Cultivating an audience is crucial to the survivors we serve, because doing so proves the world wants to hear their stories and educates the public about the reality of sexual violence.

We are growing rapidly and want to spread the word, expand our community, and widen and innovate the resources we offer survivors to keep up with the changing landscape of survivor advocacy and public education surrounding sexual assault



**"It has taken me almost five years to open up about my experience of sexual assault, but I have found that the more I reveal my truth to myself and others, the better I feel, and the more open others are with me in return. I need to create this project for my own process of healing, and I need the help of an organization that believes that this kind of work is both important and necessary."**

