

**AHMAD ZAKII ANWAR** (b. 1955, Johor Bahru) has created a new series of charcoal drawings, portraying residents of Intan Life Zone's shelter programme.

The artist chose to draw these individuals, many of whom are ex-Intravenous Drug Users (IDU), and/or HIV positive, to put real faces to some of those most forsaken and willingly overlooked by mainstream society.

The subjects themselves elected to be portrayed, braving the stigma attached to their condition. The portraits are a joint effort by the artist and the Life Zone residents to help them to reaffirm their sense of self, and to reconnect with the wider community.

Magnificently rendered, these works are commanding, frank and beautiful, bringing us up close to individuals who meet prejudice on a daily basis, quite apart from their own pain.

**INTAN LIFE ZONE WELFARE SOCIETY**  
cordially invites you to

# GIMME SHELTER

a charity art exhibition with drawings by  
**AHMAD ZAKII ANWAR**

to be officiated by Prof. Adeeba Kamarulzaman  
President of the Malaysian AIDS Council

on Saturday, 1 November 2008, 8.00 pm  
at 19 Jalan Berangan, 50200 Kuala Lumpur



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Exhibition continues until 12 November 2008  
Opens daily 10 am to 6 pm. Closed on Sunday

Cocktails will be served  
All proceeds will go to Lifezone

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**LIFEZONE**

**INTAN LIFE ZONE WELFARE SOCIETY** is a fully registered welfare society formed in 2004. It is home to over 25 men, women and children, the majority of which are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Life Zone is supported by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Malaysian AIDS Council. Based in Johor Bahru, the society runs three separate programs, namely:

1. **The Needle and Syringe Exchange Program (NSEP).** The NSEP is a MOH project. Its primary aim is to promote Harm Reduction amongst Intravenous Drug Users (IDU), as HIV/AIDS spreads mainly through IDU. Besides maintaining a Drop-in centre where IDU are counseled and educated on HIV/AIDS, Life Zone has a full team of outreach workers that goes out to the streets. The program also aims to eliminate discrimination, stigmatization and prejudice related to HIV/AIDS and to promote and protect human rights for those infected and affected.

2. **Life Zone Shelter.** This program reaches out to the poor and needy and provides shelter to the homeless. It offers counseling and motivational activities for residents with the aim of channeling them

**FUND-RAISING OBJECTIVES** Life Zone finds that former residents who work with the Center tend to stay clean while those channeled out into society tend to relapse after a few months due to the pressures of discrimination, stigmatization and prejudice against former intravenous drug users and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Life Zone cannot currently afford to keep the residents in their homes as space is prioritised for new intakes. To address this situation, Life Zone is raising funds to start a fourth program - an after-care centre where former residents are trained to provide simple income-generating services to the community such as gardening, house painting, car wash, and carpentry. In addition, the centre will provide talented former residents with small business opportunities. All income-generating activities will be carried out with the supervision of Life Zone.

Our objective is to create a professional and reliable group of former users, encouraging self-sufficiency for HIV/AIDS infected individuals and former IDU.



back into society. Life Zone is working with Narcotics Anonymous and conducts regular meeting and sharing sessions.

3. **Dignity Homes for Men and Women.** The Dignity Homes provide a fully residential hospice for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, to ensure the highest possible quality of life for residents. Each resident goes through a one-year program that includes counseling and group therapy sessions with emphasis placed on restoring their dignity and self-assurance. The aim is to eventually channel them back to their families and society.

**LIFE ZONE** is governed by a committee of local members of the community and has a staff of over 20 full-time workers including program managers, outreach workers, medical officer & counselors, among others, who manage the day to day running of the centre. A number of them are ex-addicts and HIV/AIDS infected individuals that have graduated from the centre. Life Zone welcomes donations in cash or in kind.

Please write cheques and mail all donations to:  
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