



DONNA FERRATO: **UNBEATABLE**

Learning Guide

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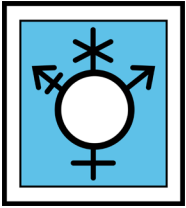
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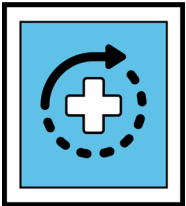
The information below can be used as a launch pad into learning about the themes of the exhibition. The questions and prompts can be used to start a deep-dive discussion about the artwork on view.



Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Throughout history and today categories of women, gender, and sexuality are affected and defined by social and cultural norms, institutions of power, and a hierarchy of privilege. The photographs in this exhibition illuminate the role gender and sexuality play in domestic violence. Consider the evidence of inequity in the stories of the women featured here.

- **How would the outcome of their situations have differed if their gender identities were different?**



HEALING

Donna Ferrato's photographs and these stories have had a powerful and transformative impact on cultural attitudes and public policy. The experience of sharing their stories has had an equally powerful impact on the individual lives of the women depicted here. In the process of learning about and documenting their lives, Ferrato built ongoing relationships with these women and their families and often participated in their fight for justice on a path toward healing. Consider how the impact of someone's story changes with the addition of visual evidence.

- **What role do these photographs play in communicating the impact of gender-based violence?**



Violence Prevention & Victim/Survivor Support

The first step toward violence prevention and learning to support victim/survivors is awareness. Get familiar with the following resources and practice using this supportive language.

- **Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence - resiliencemi.org**
- **YMCA of West Michigan - ywcawcmi.org**
- **"I believe you." - "What happened to you was not your fault." - "You are not alone."**

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