



Acrylic painting on canvas

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The Works of D. Matlin: An Art Event to Benefit The Life Link of Santa Fe

To support the invaluable work of *The Life Link* in Santa Fe and the people they serve, local artist Dayna Matlin will premiere over 20 acrylic paintings of her powerful new series *The Life of My Bi-Polar Brother Jason, Now Gone*. The works subtly chronicle the life of a young man—and his family—from infancy to his untimely death in a motorcycle accident during a manic episode at the age of 34: his light, his darkness and his inescapable struggle with the mental illness that ultimately consumed him. In his scattered writings, Jason railed against the stigma associated with his affliction—and that of so many others. With this compelling and emotional new series, Dayna Matlin strives to illuminate her brother's struggle to reveal the human behind the disease in the hope of, one day, eliminating that stigma.

The Life Link is a licensed Community Mental Health Center with more than 50 employees that have been serving the Santa Fe community for over 25 years with a focus on the mentally ill and homelessness. For more information about them please visit thelifelink.org.