

## Caritas residents sit for the Queen's artist

Renowned portrait painter Andrew Festing MBE visited Caritas Anchor House in East London last week to paint some of its residents. Festing, who has painted over 750 portraits and whose artworks hang in the Royal Collections and the National Portrait Gallery, painted 'Sharon' and 'Thomas'. The Caritas pair spent two days sitting for their portraits, and they join a distinguished line-up of the famous including Her Majesty the Queen and Cardinal Basil Hume.

"It was a great experience," said Sharon. "It's really hard keeping still for so long - I had to choose a focal point and keep that position, but I did get breaks and both Andrew and his wife were so friendly. I wouldn't have missed it for anything - I had a great time."

