

VISABILITY ART EXHIBITION 2022



Warm Energy
Rockland Day Habilitation

This March, in honor of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, we are pleased to host an in-person celebration and art exhibition in partnership with The Sisters of Charity Housing Development, to showcase and recognize the creativity of our artists. Thank you for joining us at this event.

In addition to the in-person exhibition, the artwork will also be on view and available for purchase online. **View our online exhibition here:**



nyfoundling.org/ddartshow2022

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the artwork will be given to the artists. Additionally, the proceeds will allow us to continue funding workshops for those in The Foundling's Developmental Disabilities programs.

Questions? Contact artshow@nyfoundling.org



About The New York Foundling

The New York Foundling is built on a 152-year-old promise to our neighbors, that all children, adults, and families can have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

The Foundling provides support for people with developmental disabilities throughout the New York metropolitan area, reaching more than 1,000 adults and children every year. Our programs create a supportive and nurturing environment, helping the people we serve strive toward independence and become thriving members of their communities.



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ABOUT THE VISABILITY PROJECT

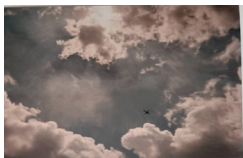
People with developmental disabilities were disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The VisABILITY Project seeks to provide a space for coming together in celebration, expression, and advocacy after a long and difficult time apart.

In the fall, participants of The Foundling's Day Habilitation Program were invited to join in a VisABILITY art workshop series which provided brave spaces for them to explore their voices, experiences, and interests through various creative mediums, discussion, and group sharing.

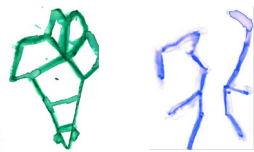
Creative facilitators taught introductions to mediums and encouraged diversity of expression, creative use of materials, and appreciated the insight and diversity of experience shared in discussion. The generated artwork is authentic, meaningful, and inspired!



Happy Day
Staten Island Day Habilitation



Travel in the Sky
Enrique G.



Meditations of Home
Jessey M.

VISABILITY WORKSHOPS



Throughout 2021, Day Habilitation participants participated in four unique creative workshops to create the expressive artwork on view today:

"Through My Eyes" Photography Workshop

Bronx and Utica Day Habilitation Programs

Participants learned about the features of Fujifilm 35mm disposable cameras, and received guidance in using the parts of the camera, perspective and lighting.

"Through My Eyes" Collage Workshop

Bronx and Utica Day Habilitation Programs

Participants selected magazine cut outs, various mixed media paper scraps and words that reflected participants' diverse identities and interests, and then created collages.

Identity Poetry Workshop

Bronx Day Habilitation Program

Participants explored their identities and what makes them unique, and with guidance from prompts and facilitators, created poems that reflect who they are.

Mixed Media Fashion Design Workshop

Utica Day Habilitation Program

Participants explored the way they present themselves, and created their own designs for articles of clothing.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHTS

Through VisABILITY's "Through My Eyes" Photography workshop, Janifa learned how to capture her reality through a camera. Her waterfront portraits are on view and for sale in the exhibition.



The Breeze
Janifa J.



The Sunny Day
Janifa J.



"It makes me feel great and happy [that] I am part of the art show. It makes me very proud!"
- Janifa, Artist

Elizabeth, who attends Utica Day Hab, enjoyed participating in art projects though VisABILITY's workshops.



"Art makes me feel terrific and excellent. It helps me relax - I feel happy because I like to learn new things. I learned about myself, I learned about my goals, I learned about everything!"
- Elizabeth, Artist