

Artist Statement — 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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I started to do art about 9 years ago to let myself feel free from all the chaos around here. I put my all of my emotions in my art so I can express everything I feel on the inside of myself. I can be my most athletic self through the express I am feeling at the time. I can see so much beauty in art. Unicorn allowed me to see the beauty in my walk with God. The colors I chose represent Jacob's coat of many colors because I have many different skills which most I learned here. The 4 seasons I watch through the windows and get to see them all in the fall. Winter being my favorite time of the year.

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