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As far back as I can remember art has been my outlet. Even as a young girl I could often be found somewhere pencil in hand lost in a drawing. Being more of an introvert, a bit of a wallflower, my art was not something I often shared with other people. Instead it was more so a hidden talent, something I did to find some peace in my chaotic world.

Recently I have been more open to sharing my work with other people. A close friend of mine who has always been my biggest fan inspired me to participate this year. She has always been so supportive of my art and seeing my talent, believing in me even when I found it hard to. ~~She~~ ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~one~~ ~~who~~ ~~inspired~~ ~~me~~ ~~to~~ ~~participate~~ ~~this~~ ~~year~~

~~She~~ Thanks to her, I decided to work on these pieces. They have so much meaning to me, I love all forms of art, but there is just something I truly love about pencil and charcoal. ~~It~~ ~~feels~~ ~~like~~ I feel sharing my art allows people to see parts of me I seldom share. The pieces I chose to share all have significant meaning to me, I hope you all can see the love and hard work put into them, as well as maybe I can bring awareness to some things.