

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

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Making art is a creative outlet that allows me to express myself in a multitude of ways. Whether drawing, painting, or crocheting, I have the ability to create something that may be able to bring joy to another individual. Creating art allows me to share my joy despite my current situation.

I hope that, when viewing my art, others may see that there can be joy and happiness in any situation. I hope viewers of my art can see that no matter how bleak your current situation is there is always something positive that you can find to focus on. Please know that there is someone out there who genuinely cares about you and the things that you are going through!