



# ART

Epilepsy Awareness Month

November 2020

AU Comprehensive Epilepsy Program

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*“He (Lord) has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work....” (Exodus 35:35)*

Self-expression is part of humanity.

During November 2020, Epilepsy Awareness Month, art from our friends was shared by a showing in the Children’s Hospital of Georgia. There are stories behind each of their pieces.

Despite the absence of written descriptions, we can share their feelings through the visual impact of their artistic expression. Expression through art, along with our support, seeks to help them to not be taken over by the uncontrolled brainstorms (seizures) they experience nor the effects of treatments they must endure.

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## Noah, Age 11



- Noah began having infantile spasms as an infant. Noah says that epilepsy has made learning a challenge for him but he enjoys creating art.
- His mom tells him that he is an abstract artist, similar to Jackson Pollock. Noah's abstract art allows for variety and diversity - allowing the viewer to see different things based on the angle at which the viewer is looking at it.
- Noah says that his artwork shows that he is different, but not less. Noah enjoys riding his bike and spending time with family and friends.

## Samuel, Age 16



- Samuel was diagnosed with epilepsy at 14 months old and had epilepsy surgery at 22 months.
- Samuel is inspired by Bob Ross and Mr. Rogers, and enjoys drawing positive pieces that reflect some aspect of nature and/or incorporate feelings.
- Samuel has 6 siblings and is active in his church's youth group. He has recently begun composing music and playing it on the piano.

## Masy, Age 15



- Masy began having seizures at around 8 days old, which were related to a stroke. She had epilepsy surgery several years later, which helped to decrease the amount of seizures.
- Epilepsy is a family affair for Masy, as they are involved daily to ensure her safety.
- Masy enjoys painting and is inspired by both nature and her imagination.
- One of Masy's favorite activities is going to the movie theater.

## Alejandro, Age 22



- Alejandro was diagnosed with epilepsy at age 9.
- His diagnosis led to some depression and anxiety which led him to begin drawing.
- Alejandro uses his imagination to draw things that he has seen in movies, in particular, Spider Man and Disney characters. In addition to drawing, Alejandro also likes to play the drums.

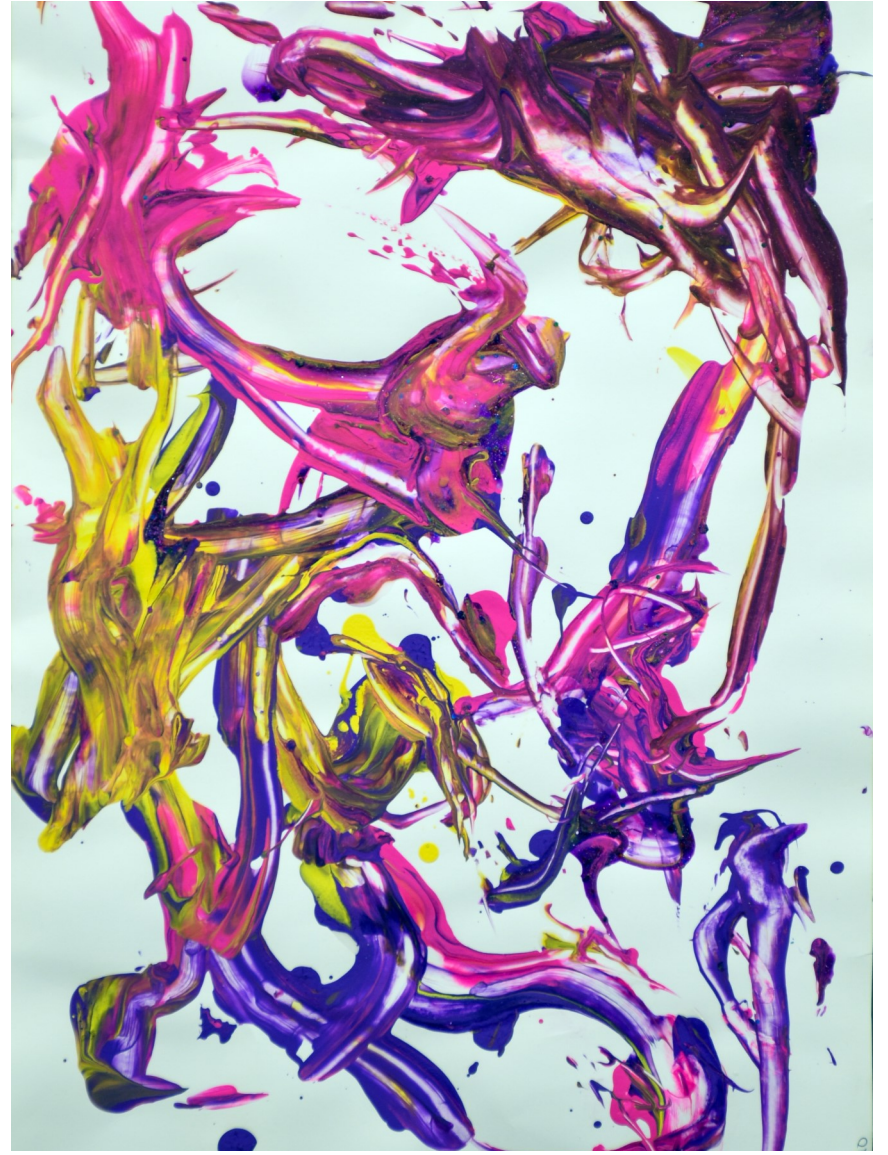
## Leslie, Age 36



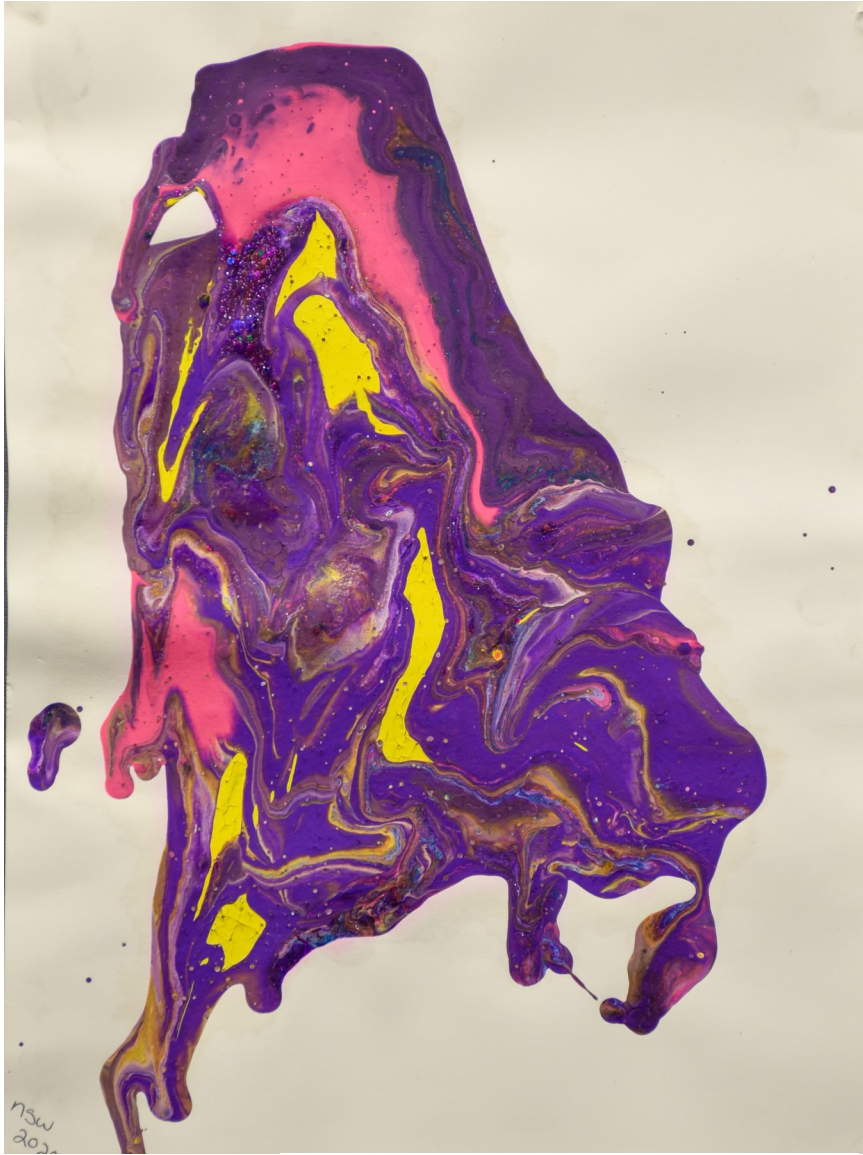
- Leslie began having seizures at 3 months old.
- She currently enjoys caring for the family pets which include dogs, cats, and goats.
- Leslie likes to work on artwork after she has seizure.
- She also enjoys crocheting, bead work, as well as stained glass.



Created by Noah  
Untitled  
Water Paint



Created by Noah  
Untitled  
Water Paint



Created by Noah  
Untitled  
Water Paint



This sheet music is composed from this art by "unspoken symphony".



Created by Noah  
Untitled  
Water Paint



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Created by Noah  
Untitled  
Tissue Paper and Glue



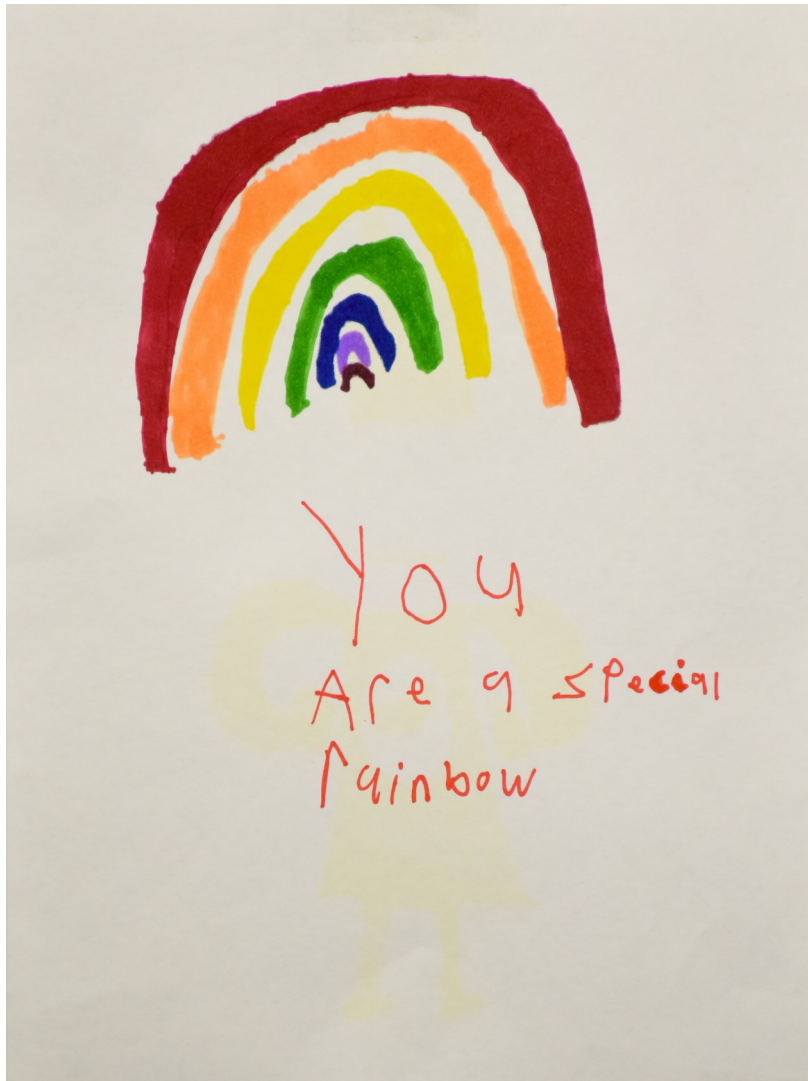
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Created by Noah  
Untitled  
Water paint and wooden beads



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Created by Samuel  
You are a Special Rainbow  
9 x 12  
Marker

Rainbows always seem to bring excitement and hope. God promised never to flood the earth again and symbolized this with a rainbow. This drawing is very important because it lets kids know they are special no matter what they are going through and God is with them.



Created by Samuel  
Hill of Love  
9 x 12  
Marker

With this "Hill of Love," I want to show that I love the kids and doctors that are in the hospital. Sometimes the hospital stays can be very long and tests seem like they never end, so it might help patients and doctors to know someone loves them.





Created by Samuel  
Won't You be My Neighbor?  
9 x 12  
Marker

We are all neighbors. Influenced by my love for "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood," this drawing illustrates whether we live close together or far apart, when we are in the hospital together we are neighbors. In my speech therapy sessions I am learning to be open to starting conversations with other people. This picture shows how friendly we can be to new people we may meet.



Created by Samuel  
Batman  
9 x 12  
Marker

This drawing is for the boys! We all need superheroes to look up to and I think the boys will especially like seeing Batman! When you see this drawing maybe you'll get excited and know a superhero is cheering for you!



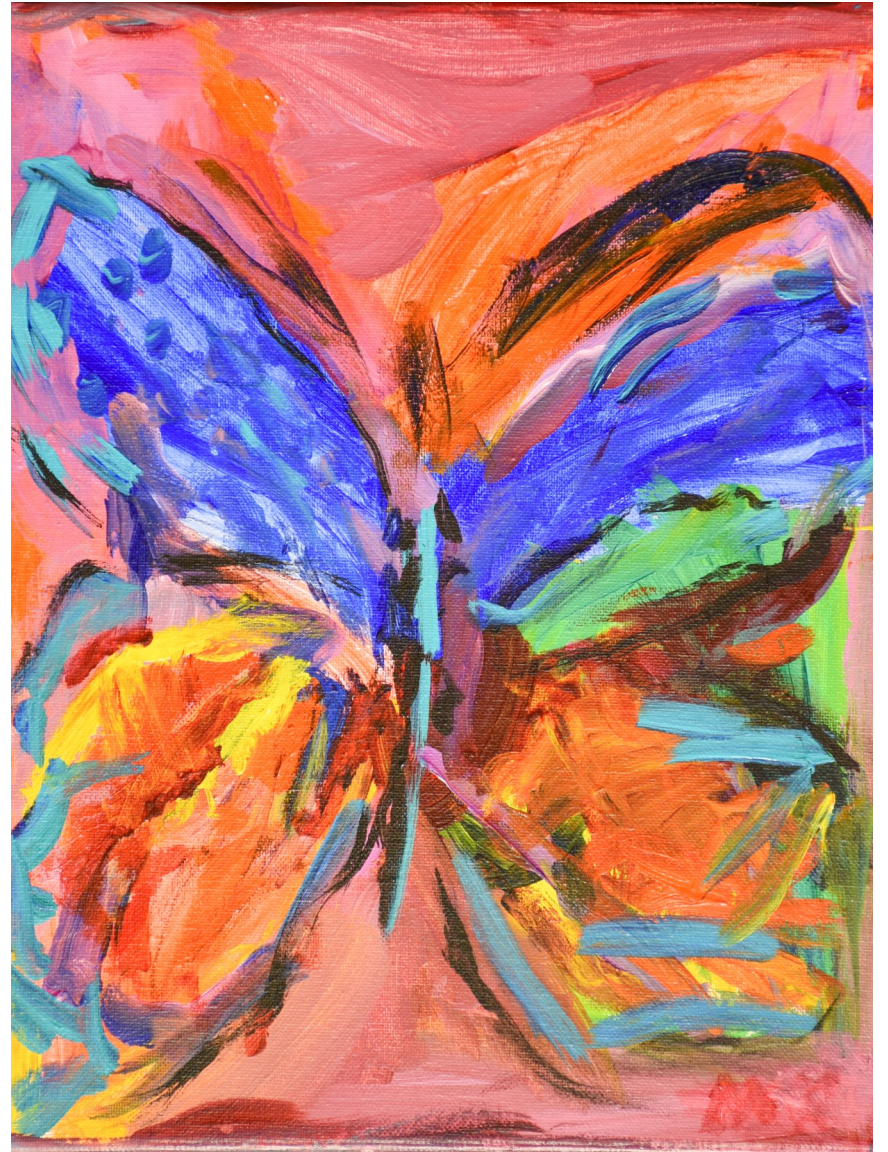
Created by Masy  
Waterwheel  
9 x 12  
Oil Paint

The waterwheel is Masy's most recent painting. She recently took a trip to the mountains and saw a waterwheel. The waterwheel she saw inspired her to paint one.



Created by Masy  
The Flower  
11 x 13.5  
Oil Paint

Is Masy's first painting.  
She painted this for her Daddy for Father's Day.



Created by Masy  
Butterfly  
14 x 11  
Oil Paint

Masy's Nana wanted her to paint a butterfly.



Created by Masy  
Clown  
8 x 10  
Oil Paint

Masy painted the clown for Dr. Park because she remembered him making animal balloons for her when she was younger.



Created by Masy  
Lake with Boat  
8 x 10  
Oil Paint

Masy painted the boat in the pond for her Papa. He has a pond behind his house that looks very similar to the painting.



Created by Masy  
Labradoodle  
5 x 3-3/4  
Oil Paint

Masy painting the Labradoodle for her Papa. Masy's Papa and Nana have a labradoodle named Gabe. This painting is what Gabe looked like as a puppy.



Created by Masy  
The Christmas tree  
5 x 7  
Oil Paint

The Christmas tree was painted for Christmas. She used copies of this painting for Christmas cards. The angel represents Masy's Mom. (Her mom died of cancer when Masy was six.)



Created by Alejandro  
Untitled  
7 x 10  
Pencil



Created by Alejandro  
Untitled  
6.5 x 9  
Pencil



Created by Alejandro  
Untitled  
6.5 x 9  
Pencil



Created by Alejandro  
Untitled  
16 x 20  
Oil Paint



Created by Leslie  
Untitled  
11 x 14  
Gel Pen

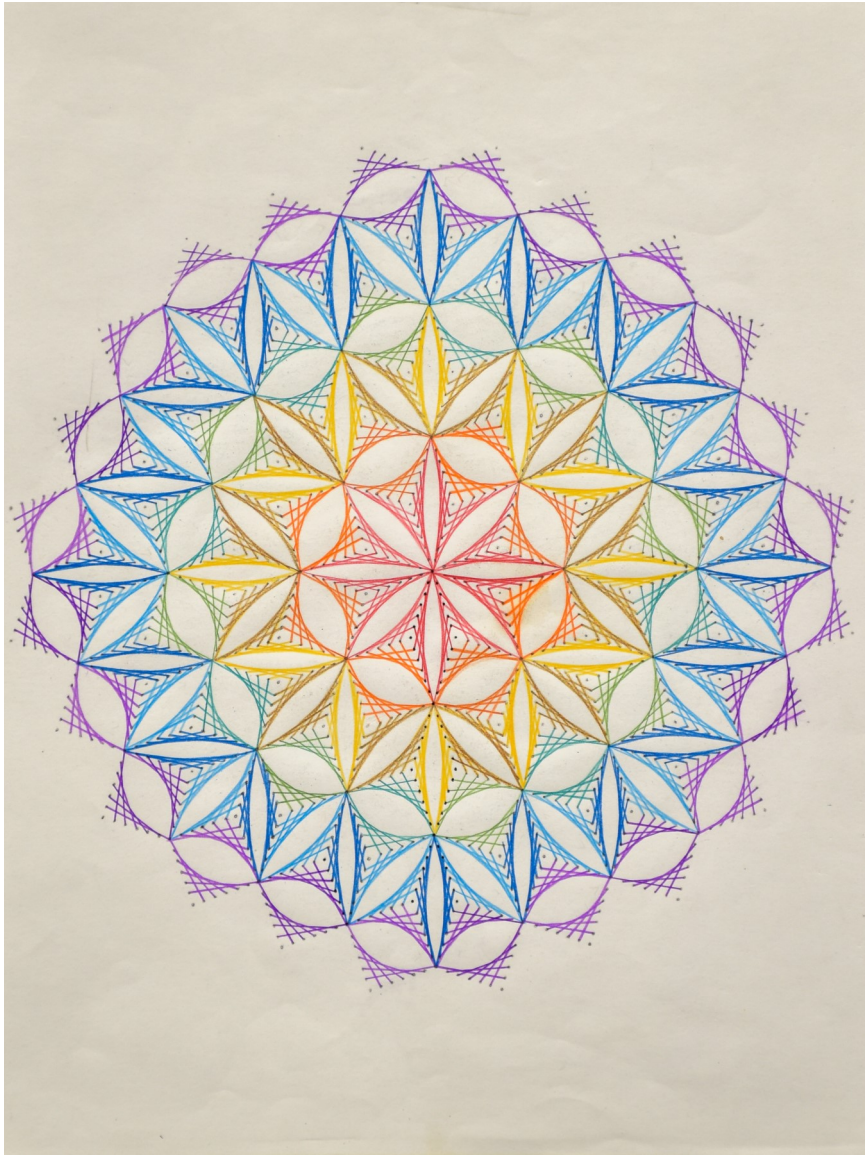


Created by Leslie  
Cascading Marbles  
11 x 14  
Gel Pen





Created by Leslie  
Rainbow Connections  
11 x 14  
Gel Pen



Created by Leslie  
Stringless Art  
11 x 14  
Gel Pen



Created by Leslie  
Great Blue Heron  
8 x 11  
Color Pencil