

Art Matters Mission Statement

The Art Matters Youth Arts Project is a group of teaching artists who bring authentic, engaging arts experiences to Albuquerque youth. Our content is designed to engage participants in art making, with a focus on social justice, whole-person health, community, joy, and creative engagement at the core of our process.

Art Matters Land Acknowledgement

Art Matters is a collective of teaching artists based on Tiwa land, otherwise known as Albuquerque, New Mexico. New Mexico has been, and always will be, the ancestral homelands of the Navajo Nation, the 20 Pueblos, three Apache nations, and the Ute tribe.

Art Matters Alignments

As we prepare to make art, individually or in a group, we encourage everyone to consider these guidelines for keeping the process genuine, respectful, and engaging.

Everyone has a voice: make space for all respectful questions, concerns and ideas. Learn from each other.

Respect: Each Other. Yourself. Tools and Materials. Ideas. The Environment. Throw Glitter, Not Shade

Process. Engage in process. Hold space for Joy. Have Fun

Be an Artist and a Maker: Take Creative Risks. Try Something New. Create.

Lift Each Other & Share: Ask Questions. Listen. Give thoughtful, productive feedback. Collaborate. Move Up, Move Up



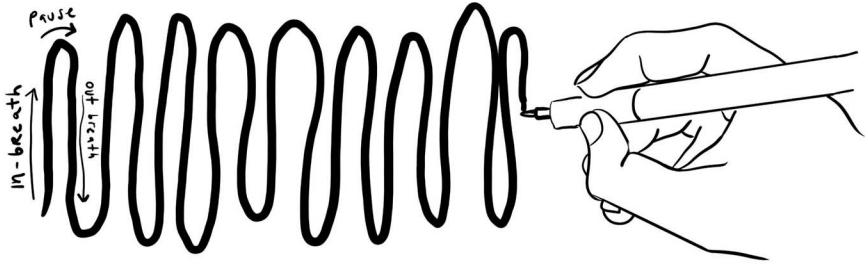


THE FIRST PRIDE WAS A RIOT



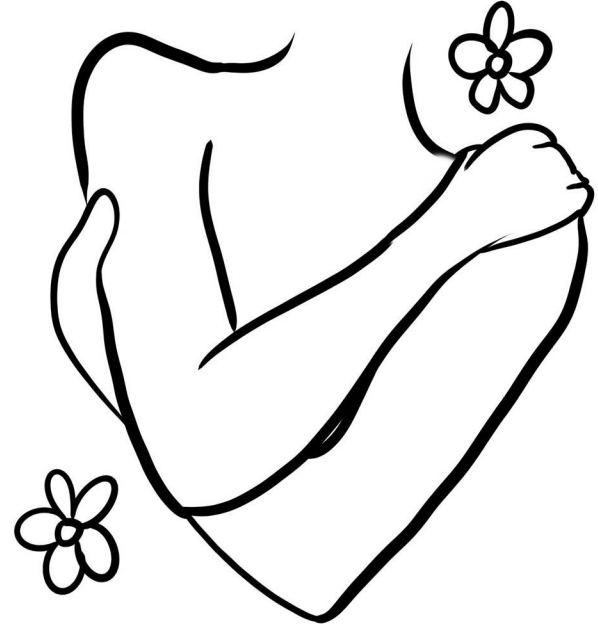
AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY

DRAW YOUR
Breath...



Now you try it: ↓

Remember your



Breath

Mental Health Check In



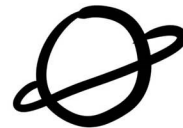
Feeling
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Hopeful



Doing okay



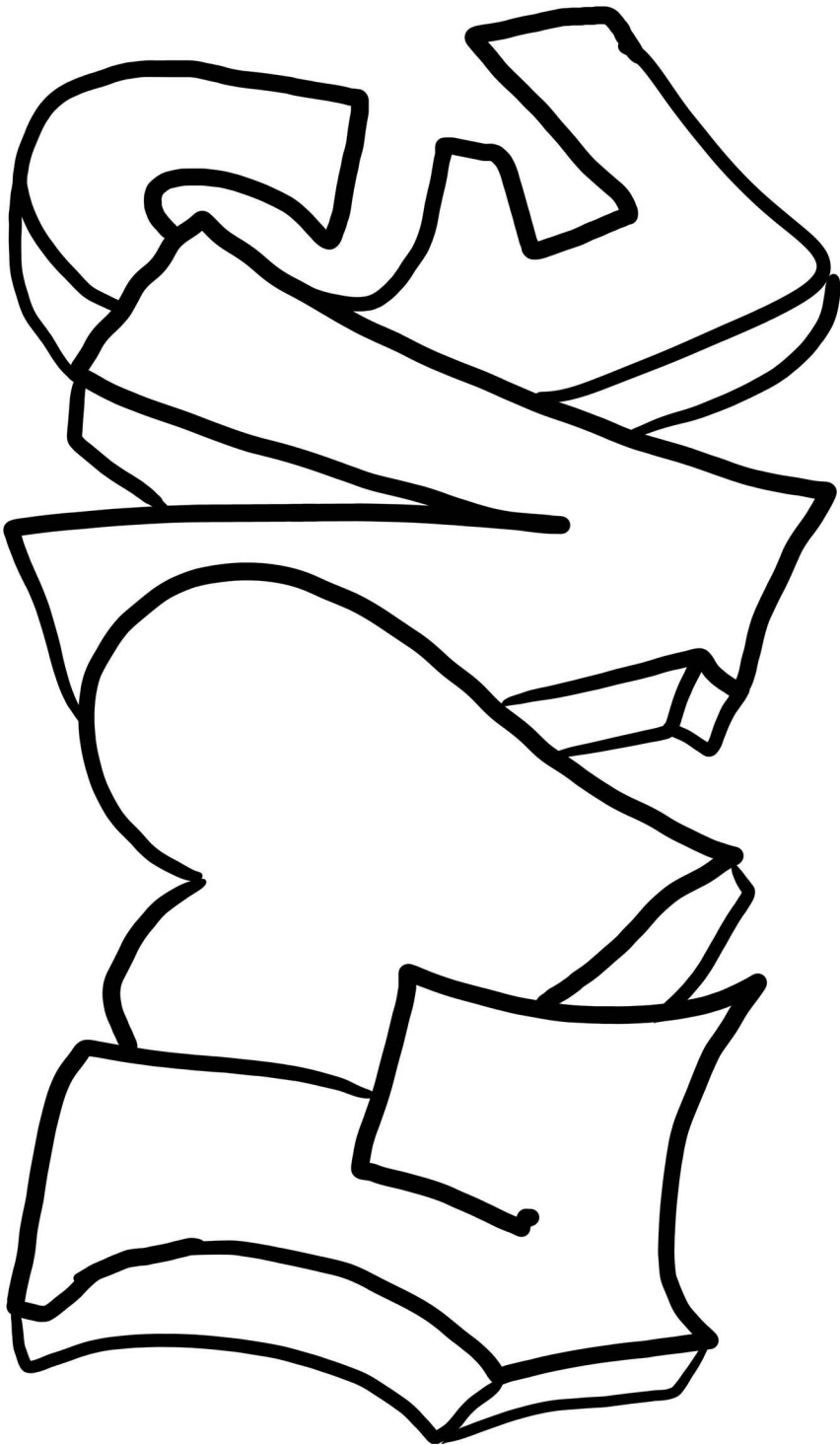
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space



In my
Feels



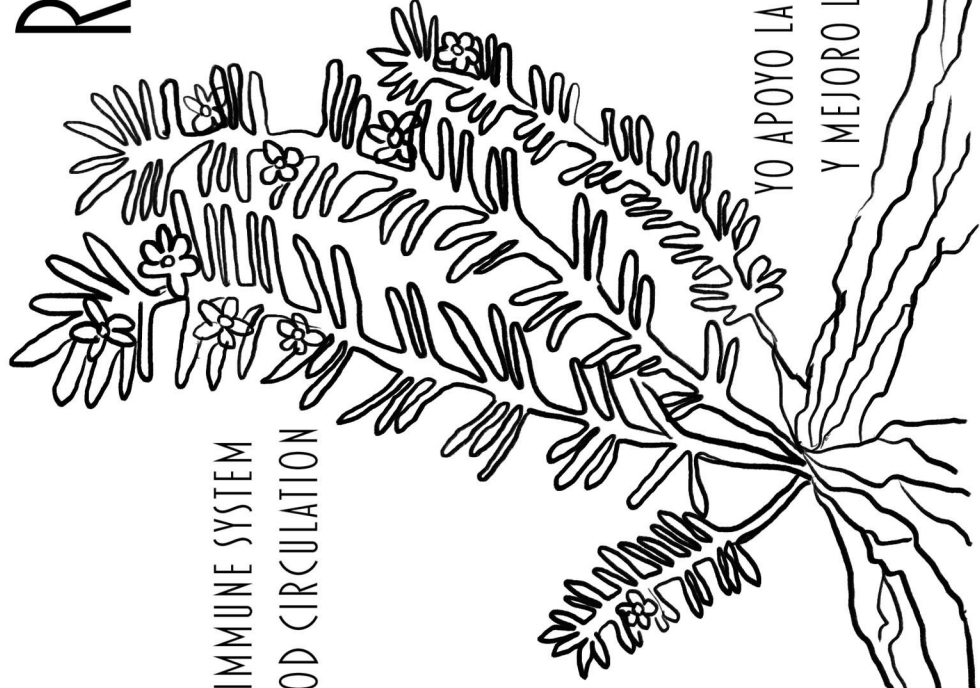
I NEED
SUPPORT





ROSEMARY ROMERO

I HELP BOOST THE IMMUNE SYSTEM
AND IMPROVE BLOOD CIRCULATION

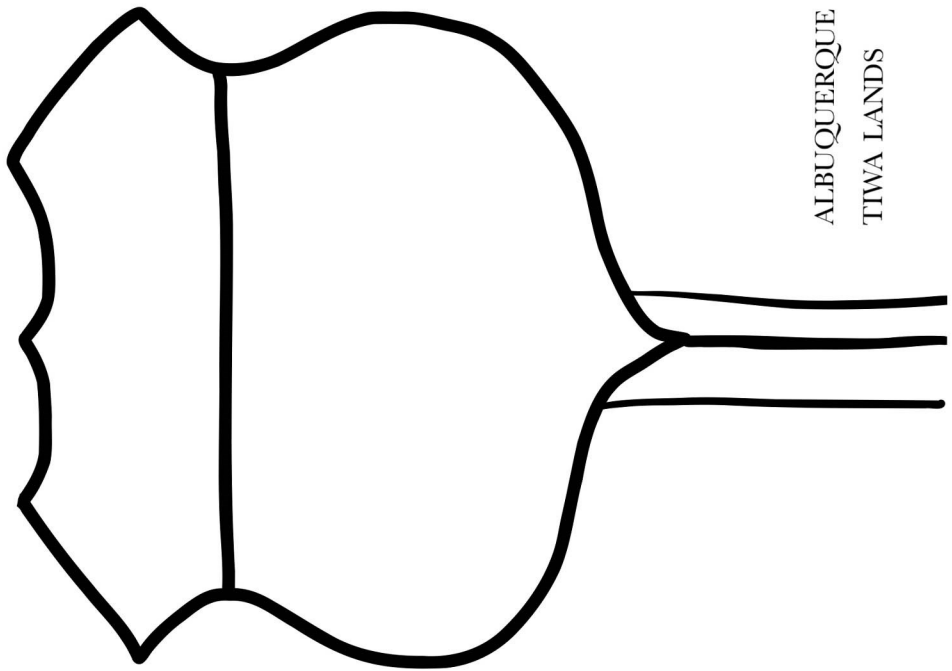


YO APOYO LA CIRCULACIÓN DE LA SANGRE
Y MEJORO LA SISTEMA INMUNOLÓGICO

shine




CREATE YOUR ROUTE 66 SIGN!




ALBUQUERQUE
TIWA LANDS



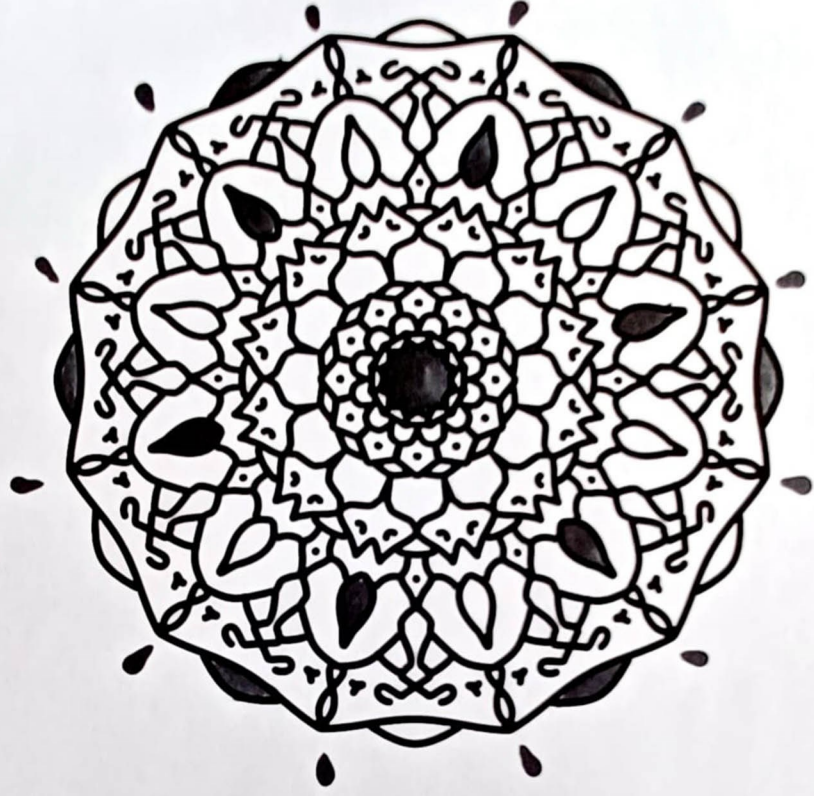


toma el tiempo
cada dia
para llegar a ti
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take the time
everyday
to come home
to yourself



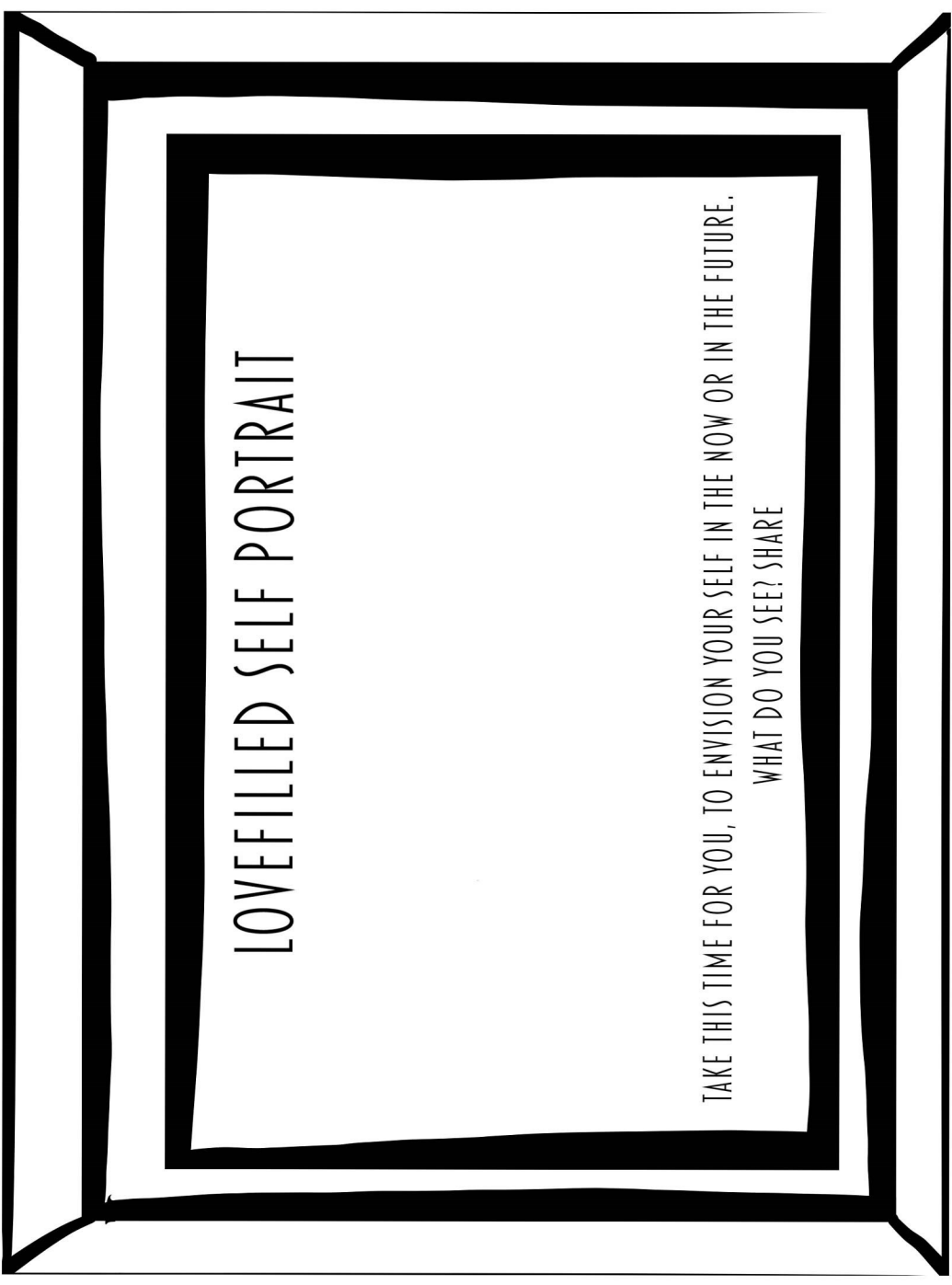
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what does the wind teach us?

¿que nos enseña el viento?



LOVEFILLED SELF PORTRAIT

TAKE THIS TIME FOR YOU, TO ENVISION YOUR SELF IN THE NOW OR IN THE FUTURE.
WHAT DO YOU SEE? SHARE

Art Matters Teaching Artists and Zine Contributors

Ade Cruz (they/them) is a queer, non binary Chicana visual artist from Albuquerque, New Mexico. They primarily work with painting, digital illustration and murals. Their work delves into a range of themes that are informed by their personal life experiences, their communities, relationship to animals and the natural world.

Their works aims to depict the beauty and complexities of their culture, sexuality, gender, spirituality, nature and the psyche. As a painter, muralist, art educator and youth worker, they believe art can be used to connect, educate, activate, disrupt, heal pasts and envision futures together.



Landis Pulido is an artist, educator, and healing justice practitioner who believes in co-creating a learning environment which strives to meet each community member where they are. Through the lens of Popular Education, she works towards co-creating an inclusive and safe environment. She believes in bringing in the breath, movement and healing into the arts and creative space to invite wholeness and imagination.



Michelle (SHELLY) Korte loves making art! Painting, drawing, sculpting, collage, writing, printmaking...all of it! She's been teaching and showing her work in places around the world for over 20 years. She moved to Tijeras, NM in 2014 and has been growing symbolic roots and branches at her home and in the community ever since.

