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**CARE FOR
US: LIFE**

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FOREWORD

My time at Jacob A. Riis Center in Ravenswood was met with love, opportunity, and growth. I was grateful not only to serve as a teaching artist through the *DIS OBEY* program, but also to build a relationship with the young people and the Ravenswood community. It was more than a teaching experience: it was a learning experience for me, as well. I introduced different forms of art and methods, and the works of Black and brown artists who were integral to building foundations of presence and impact in the world of art and society. From there, participants were able to draw relevant connections to their own ways of thinking and social practice. The participants shared wonderful ideas from their own goals, ambitions, and personal experiences in order to tap into that artistic expression in life. Identity, presence, and impact are themes of the work that we made and discussed throughout our time here. We explored how the ways that those ideas shape our communities and create access is important, whether for writers, poets, painters, performers, or any practice of art. I proudly present the work of my participants and my own work for the series *CARE FOR US: LIFE*.

—Na'ye Perez



Jada

Monae'

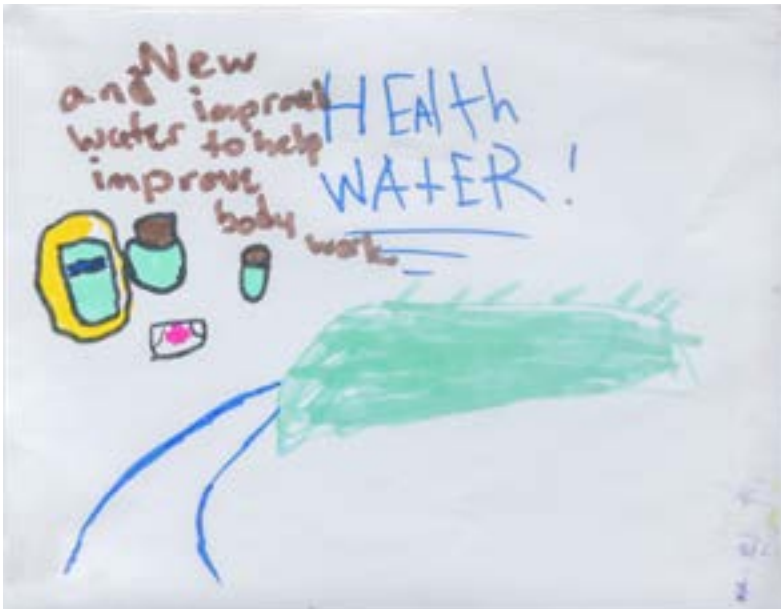
A New World

In this world these beautiful women wants to share their interest and what they believe in. They believe in natural beauty, meaning no makeup, not dressing to impress. These ladies are wearing white to represent all the ladies in the world.

I'm guessing that whoever saw these ladies didn't approve of what they were doing or maybe they didn't understand why these ladies were representing other women. That's probably why the military/soldiers are destroying the city and hurting people. Men need to understand that women are allowed to express themselves. If men understood women then we would live in a new better and healthier world.

~ Brianna French







Janiya



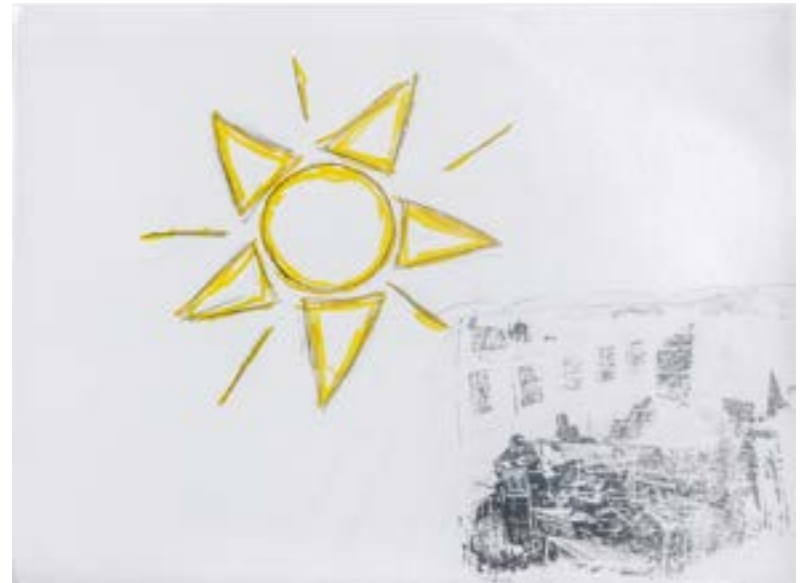
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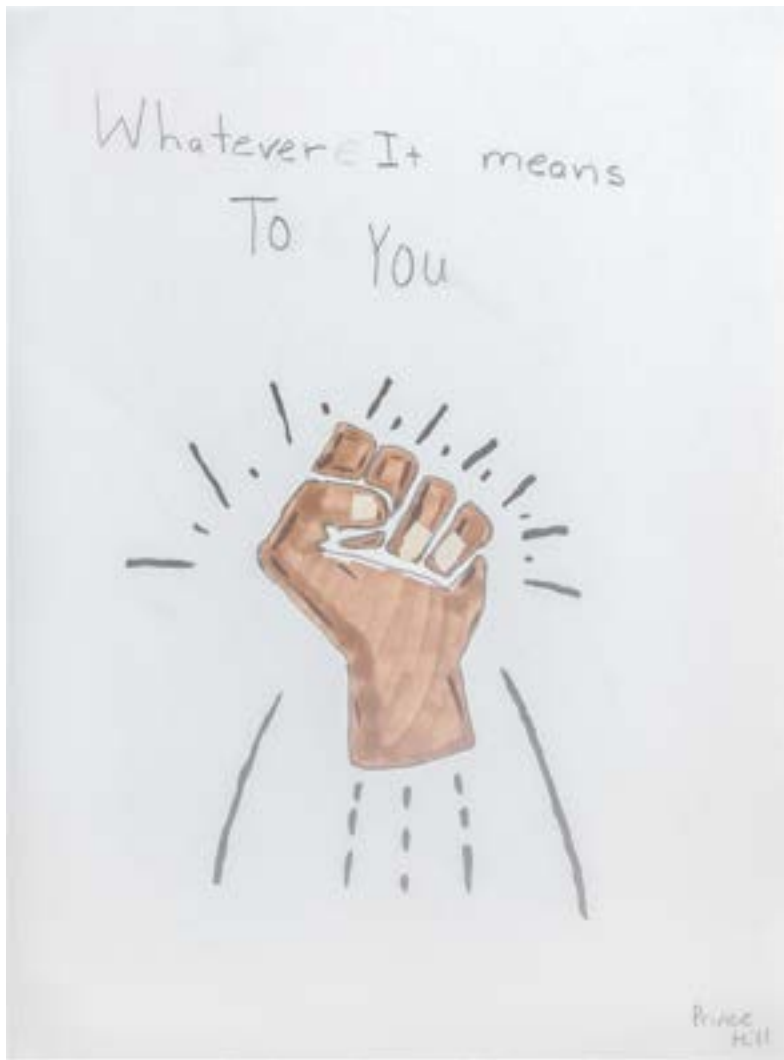
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