

telling it

Arts-based interventions
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Parkridge Community Center

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Welcome to the Spring 2023 Telling It Anthology!

After a few years hiatus due to the impact of the pandemic, we spent this past year having a wonderful time getting to know and engage with the 9-11-year-olds. They attend the weekly sessions as part of the Parkridge Community Center's afterschool program.

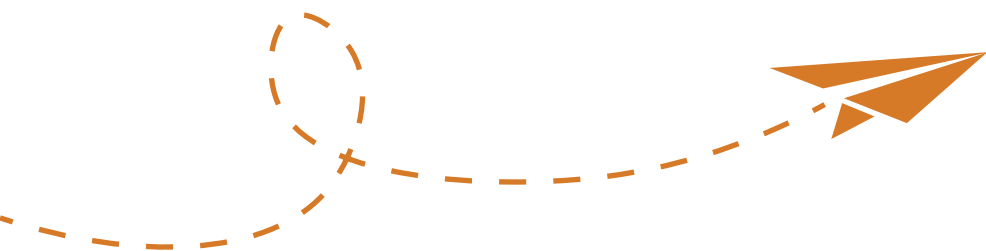
Over the course of this past year, the youth have had opportunities to identify their community networks, consider their personal values and practice de-stressing skills. They learned to cooperate, problem-solve and take responsibility. Most importantly, they had fun, played games, and learned some new arts-based skills.

The mission of Telling It is to enhance social emotional learning and support the well-being of young people using a blend of expressive arts and social work methods. All of this is made possible with funding from Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, Jerry L. Clayton, Sheriff, and the support of the staff of Parkridge Community Center, specifically Loviesa Brown, Mia Lanier-Durkins and Anthony Williamson.

We hope you enjoy this anthology. Each page reflects the imagination and character of the youth. It was truly a pleasure to get to know them.

With all good wishes,

Deb Gordon-Gurfinkel, Founding Director
Morgain MacDonald, Team Leader







Quilt Of Me: Telling It youth made identity “quilts” out of colorful paper, writing, and drawings to represent different aspects of themselves and their story.



DAMERION

Telling It youth had to sneak past the aliens of Parkridge Community Center, crash landing on Planet Playground where they encountered different alien monsters. They then wrote about their adventures.

AN ALIN'S World

The ALIN'S world is a place that looks a bit strange it also has all sorts of inventions and their is posin glass on the floor and also has gem's and ALIN'S from the milky way

Slider



- can transport to different places
- goes up and down/using power for
- can transport to base if you want it
- you can use 1 person or 2 people to transport to base
- like in the tower at hopton



ALIN'S production
From area 51

ps that you've never seen before

By Jasmine and Tom

JASMYNE





Just
Dance

Friends

Bye

Family

ME

Jayla

Scott
▷
Kitty

Haha

Jayla

Leah.16



Confused

How we experience
emotions in our
bodies.

!!!mad!!!

Fire



never forget

le them feel

ya Angelou



JAYLA

careing

Jeyla

I am going to miss you! I've always enjoyed your energy!

You are so funny! -Porscha

Jeyla,
I admire how you always participate with a smile!

♡ Sophie

funny

FUN energetic NICE

Nice

funny

Very fun to hang out with

Mutual appreciations of each other.

SO COOL!!

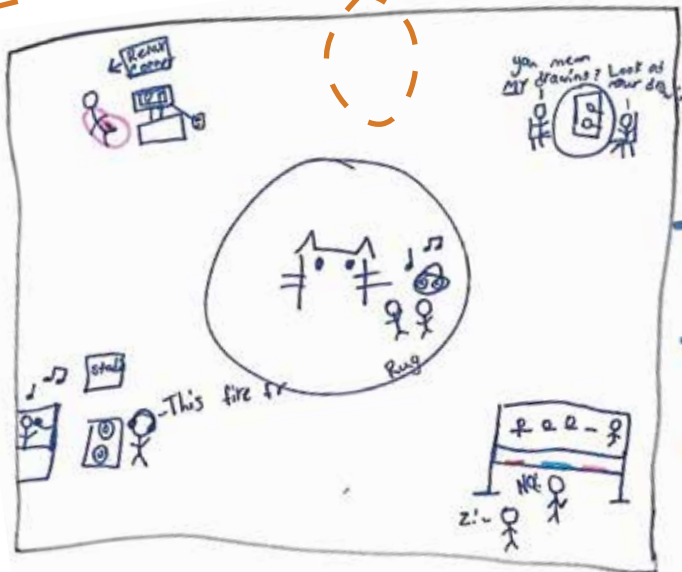
You're very funny and a joy to be around!

Caring and funny and Cool

-You are so funny & silly

Funny

Jeyla is very kind and welcoming of everyone!



Multi-purpose



JEYLA

The Smile

Mona Lisa





KEIMONI





Birthday

By La'najah

Inspired by a red phone and a bowling pin

I was calling my friends Jessica, Alyssa, Naomi, Margot and Rachel on my red phone to make a plan to go bowling so that we could have a fun time. It was for my birthday – I was turning 10 years old. On the way there, we sang a song:

Smokey sky, bird flying high

Funny home

Big winning, big bang, big wave

Arcade, get cake

Loving myself.



LA'NAJAH







NATALIE

Emotions - Lonely, Sad and Heart Broken

By Phoenix

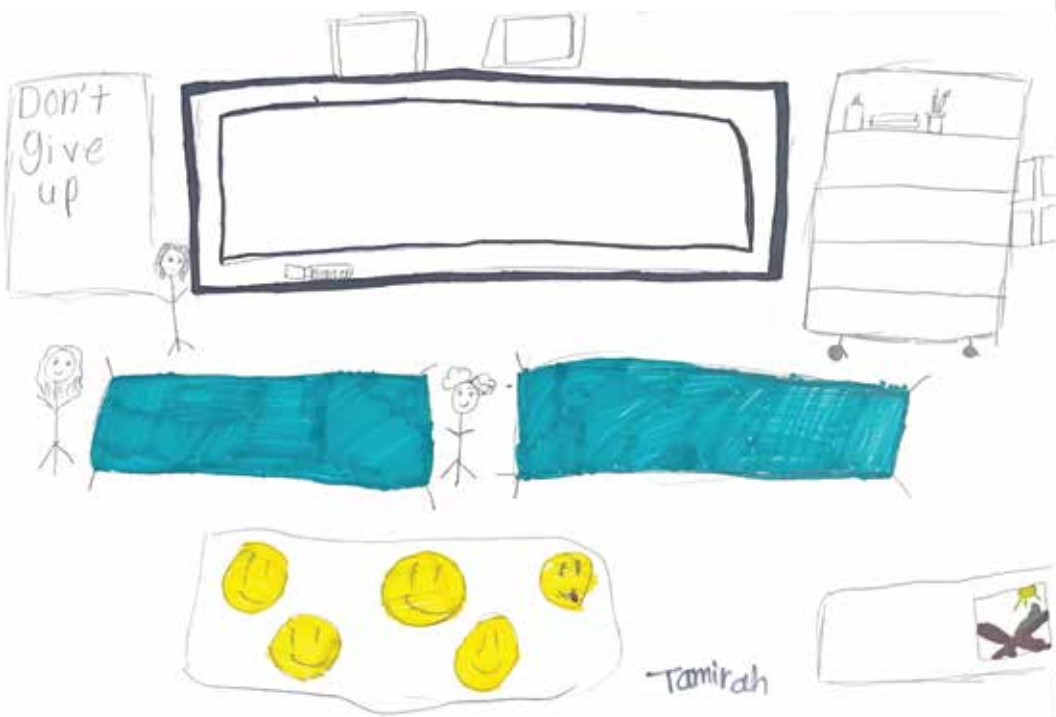
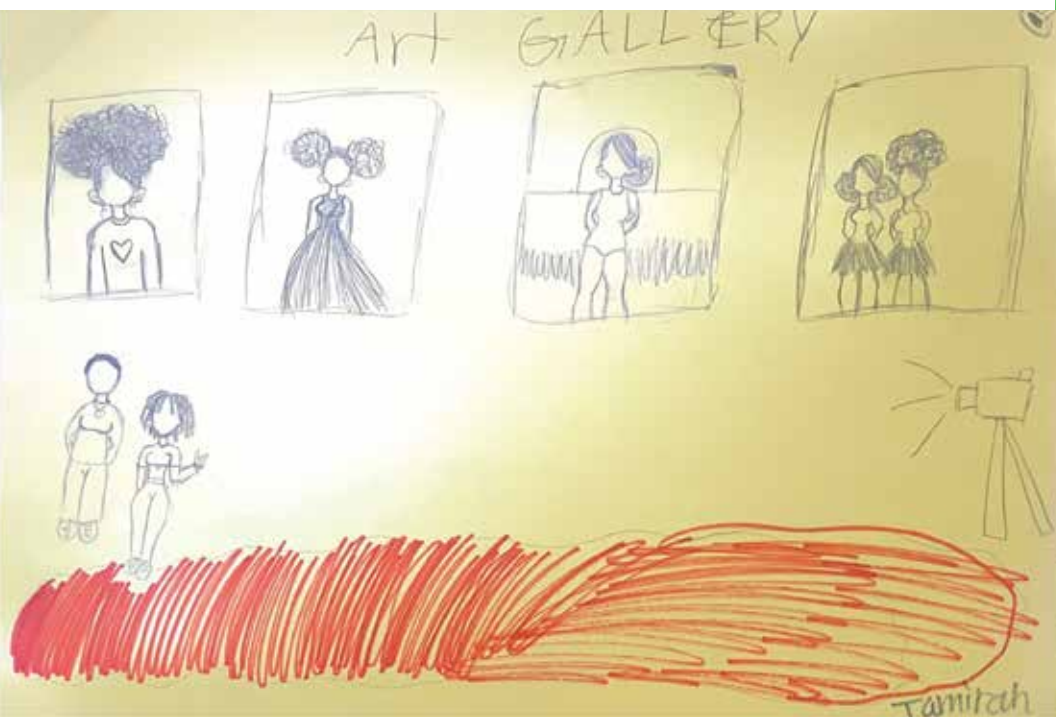
I hate this feeling because
It is hard on the inside and out!
Sometimes you can feel it anywhere and
Any place
On your face, you can feel it.



PHOENIX



My Ideal Community Center





TAMIRAH





ZAFER

basketball lights on the wall pictures



A young girl with braids is climbing a playground structure. She is wearing a grey zip-up hoodie and tan cargo pants. She is holding onto a white horizontal bar with her right hand and making a peace sign with her left hand. The playground equipment is colorful, with yellow and green accents. The ground is covered in brown mulch.

ZION

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