



A collaborative community
project in Avondale



In Spring 2020, Lead Artist Calcagno Cullen and Apprentice Artists James Bond and Candace Krois started a participatory public sculpture project entitled 'What We Need To Hear' in the Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati. They created interactive boxes that asked residents to "Write words to positively motivate" their neighbors. They placed these hand crafted boxes, equipped with lollipops and cards for submissions, around the neighborhood at the Laundromat, Library, Rec Center, and elsewhere, and as a result they received over 75 responses. Four of these submissions were selected to become permanent, light-up sculptures at the Hirsch Recreation Center. Though we could not select all of them for the sculpture project, we wanted to share them in this zine. We found value in all of these communal words of affirmation and wisdom and hope you do too.



Read with your
babies!

"For positive reinforcement"

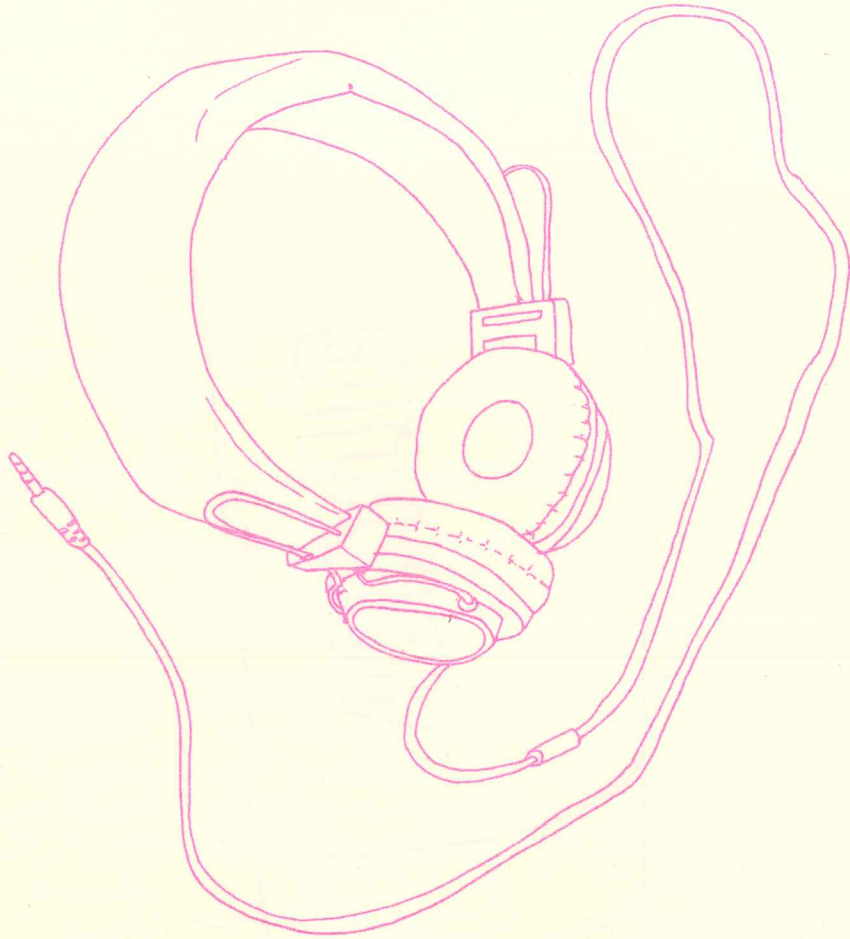
Love, peace, joy, respect
consideration

Watch where really care for you and Unite!
Once united never give up on them!
Show only good manners!

From: C.T.
Age: Very mature

R R R R R

From: Eric
Age: 5

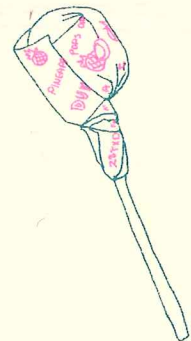


We are stranger
together as a family

From: Joshua

Age: 18

"Everyone is family if you see them as such. Family help each other. Family is there."



From: Erin

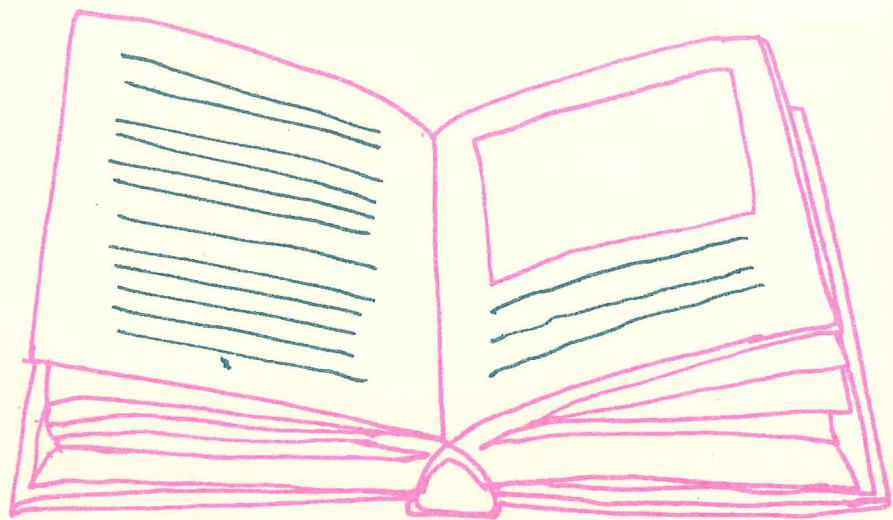
Age: 5

Eat right, and stay in good
Shape.

From: Kenyatta

Age: 12

LOVE-FAMILY-Reunion



FRIENDS Smile Support
Share Dialogue

Every Person has a
Speical gift!!

"We all have something to offer the world. :)"

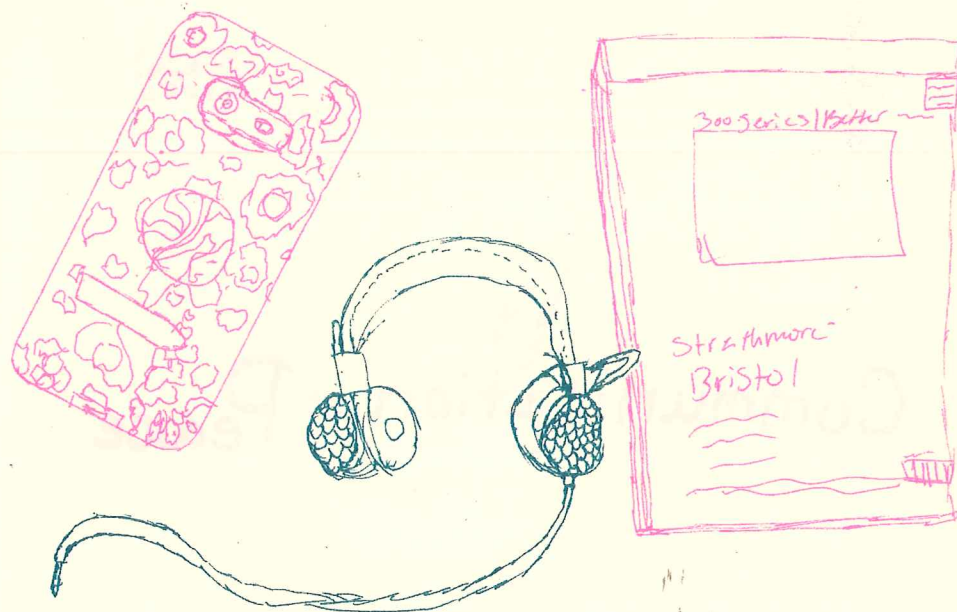
Always Be mind full of
your Neighbor

Strong, Brave, Smart, helpful,
amazing

Learn... Learn...

Learn!!!

"Everything, every experience is an opportunity to learn and grow"



- I think will help Avenge they need to stop
- ~~Advising to~~ be nice to oncen other.
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- safe
- Peaceful
- Happy
- cherish
- JOY
- Calm

A non hateful Place

From: Iia'nae

Age: 12

Keep dreams A live
Try to save what ~~that~~ you got
So Midsize!

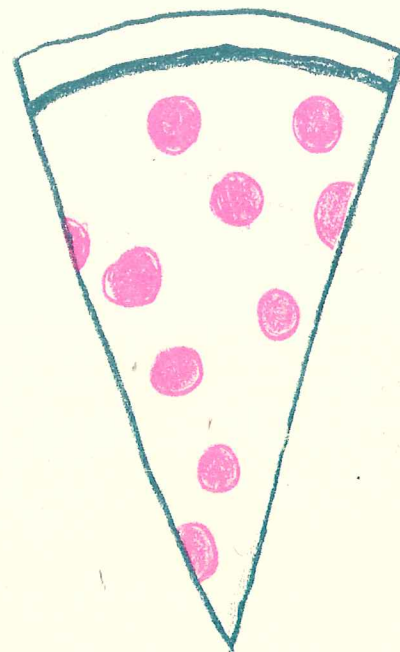
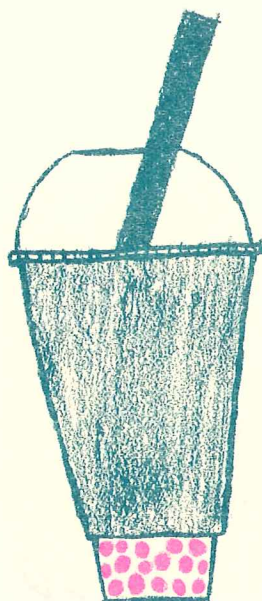
From: Jerome

Communication = Peace

From: Nicole

Age: 45

Have hope always. Light is around you
People are always around you to help. Ask
for it.





BELIEVE in yourself
Believe in God.

Wake up!

Eat @ gabriel's place ☺!

Keep grinding on hoofs! ↓

Community, Respect,
Patience

From: Joel
Age: 33

PERSISTENCE IS THE KEY
TO SUCCESS!!!

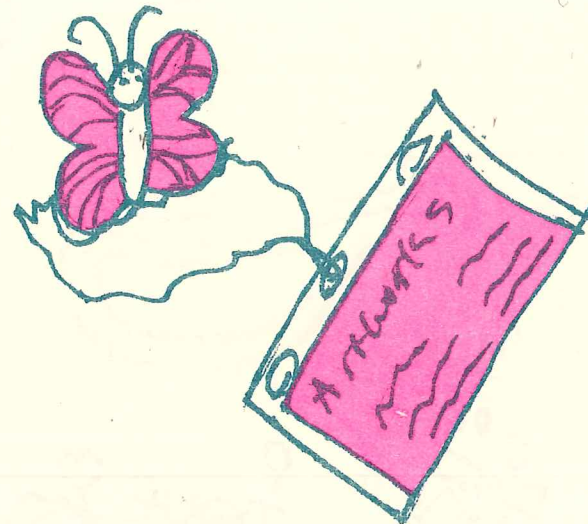
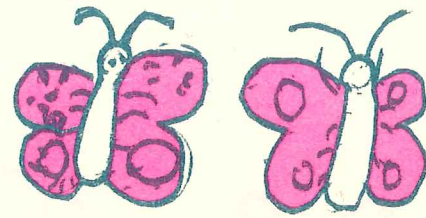
From: James
Age: 46

The phoenix the rising of life

From: Royall
"I want to see me. Just myself"

Persevere!

"Avondale is a community that isn't the most affluent, and perseverance is what will keep the residents strong through all the surrounding change."



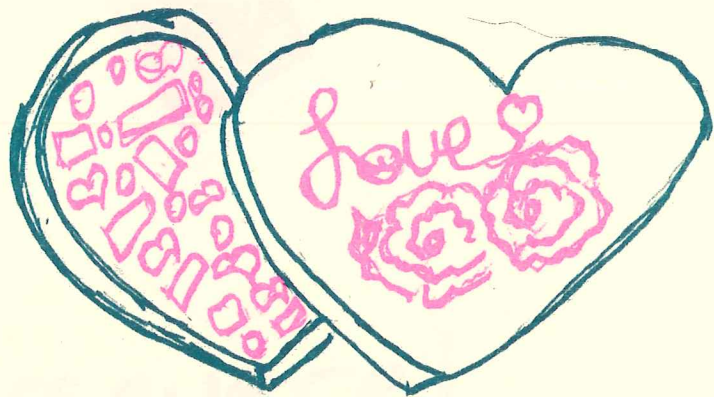
Hope, stay strong.

"There is an overwhelming sense of hopelessness in this neighborhood from the people that can no longer afford to live in the gentrified area. They are being pushed out of the area they love and 'hope' is all they have."

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Love, Joy

Strive to Empower

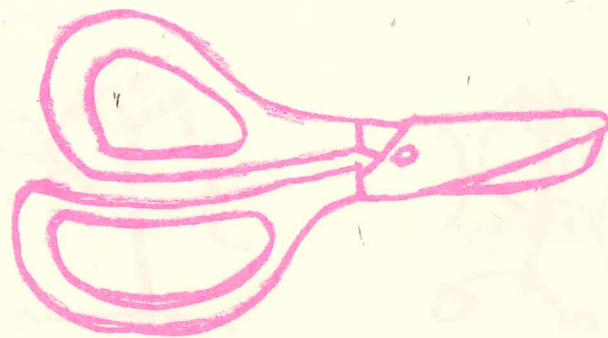


Nothing is impossible.

From: Daveion
Age: 14

Scratching and surviving
good times

From: Yashuwa
Age: 16



Power, Self-control, smile, Wisdom

From: Khalil
Age: 19

Be happy, educated, and free.

you be you
stay weird

From: Candace

Age: 16-17

"Don't let anyone make fun of you. Own your weirdness."



From: Zariah

Age: 6

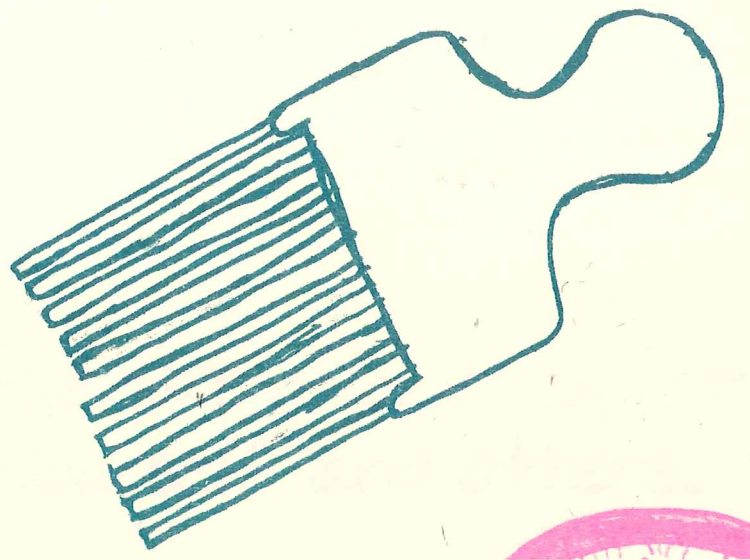
Peace, Empathy, Happiness
Solace, Generosity

From: Phillip

Age: 40

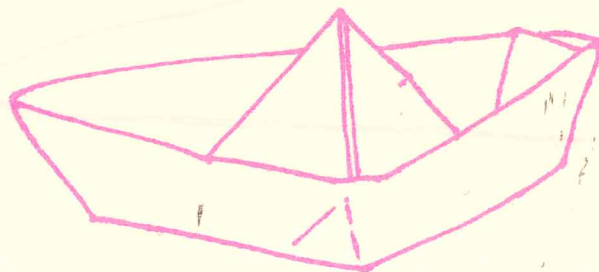
love fail my - love friends.

From: Makayla



KEEP YA HEAD UP
WATCH WHO U HANG WIT

"Just a message on how to live a better life"



Stay Woke on hood's.

From: Kalven

Age: 15

SK8 or DIE

From: James

Age: 17

"Put the gun down and pick up a board"



TAKE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR
COMMUNITY! IF YOU DON'T
WHO WILL?

Take care of and respect
yourself and others.

PEACE LOVE HAPPINESS
=
TOGETHERNESS

Way to go Amande!

ALL WAYS BE WILLING TO HELP
ONE ANOTHER, SHOW LOVE, FRIENDLY
ATTITUDE, SMILE ALL THE TIME, LISTEN
TO PEOPLE.

Love, Prayer, Faith, Honesty,
Work, Belcine.

Friendly, Smile, have each back

Respect, Peace, Teamwork

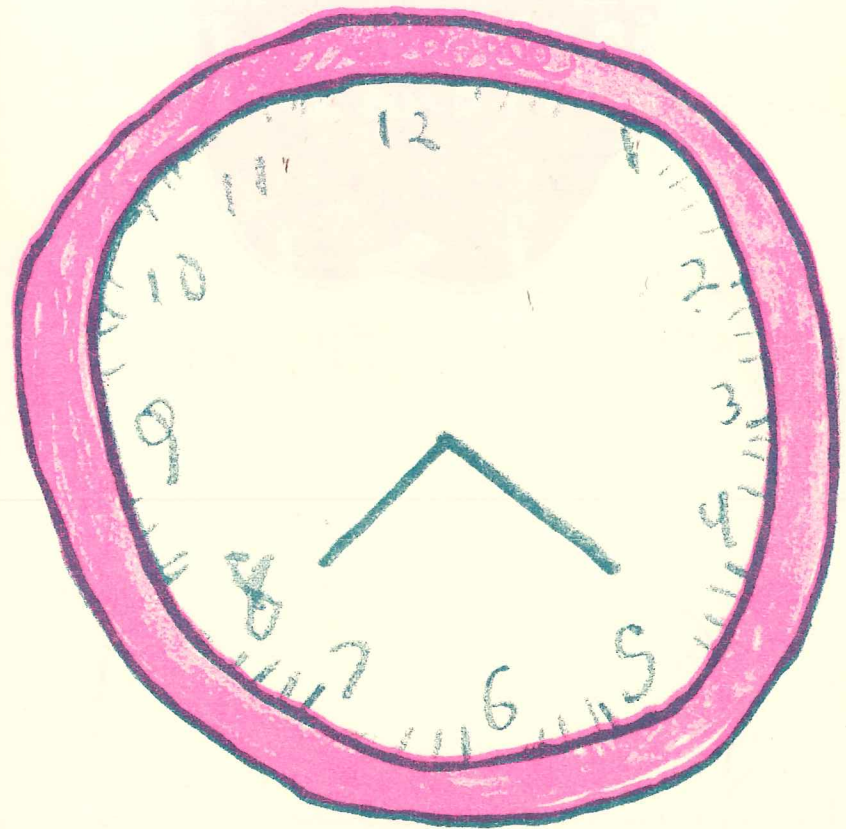
From: Evette

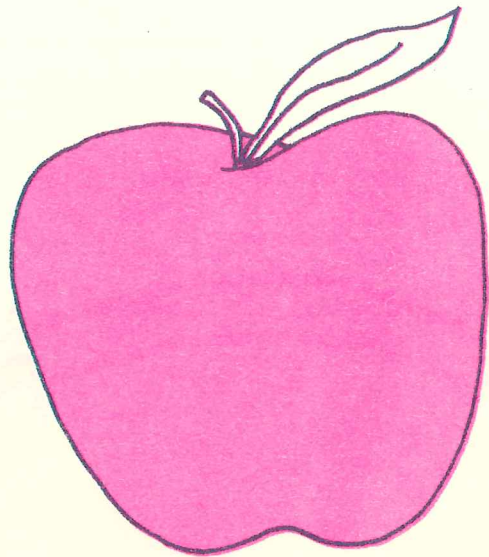
Age: 50

"Respect all people race, color, creed, religion, background, peace-
fully, environment, and work as a team to beautify Avondale."

be ~~your~~ yourself

"Don't let anyone bring you down. Keep going."





The Struggle is Real!

Let's work together to bring Abundant
together Again!

From: Ivory

Age: 30

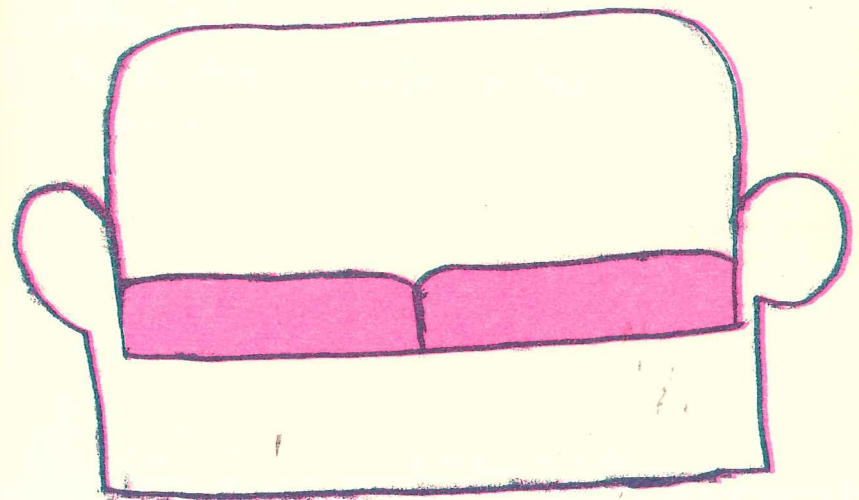
"These words mean everything to me because people need to know that it takes a village to build a community. I see the sculpture in the neighborhood to let people know they are not alone!"

CLEAN your MIND
DISEASE WILL STAY FRESH
FOREVER

I Love The mud and it is
a fun place and it is fun

From: Kariah

Playboy he's out
... ..



EVERYONE IS A STAR!

get mad and more

From: Ausav

Age: 11

R.I.P coby bryant

From: Dominik

Age: 13

"They mean a lot. So people remember."



What Seemed forever is
now, what is now is the
past, time is the essence don't
waste it.

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