

GROWTH



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My inspiration came from the realization that even though we cannot control the negativity of others, we can control how we protect our own peace. I wanted to capture that moment of pulling back from negativity and to find their inner peace. I chose to participate in Magnify Voices because art is often the best and loudest way to speak when you feel like you can't or don't want to speak physically.

I explored the theme of protective growth, the figure is turning away from the noise of negative people to focus on their own spirit. By covering their eyes, they are choosing to stay with their own inner peace, instead of looking towards the people that hurt them. The wings are a reminder that the negativity that is told to us often becomes the very thing that gives us the confidence and ability to rise above our circumstances. It is a visual representation of finding peace and clarity in our own self.

