

Figure 3.1 *The Obstacle*



Figure 3.2 The Guide



Figure 8.1 Mandala



Figure 9.1 Overwhelmed



Figure 9.2 Thinking of My Family



Figure 9.3 Talking to Robert

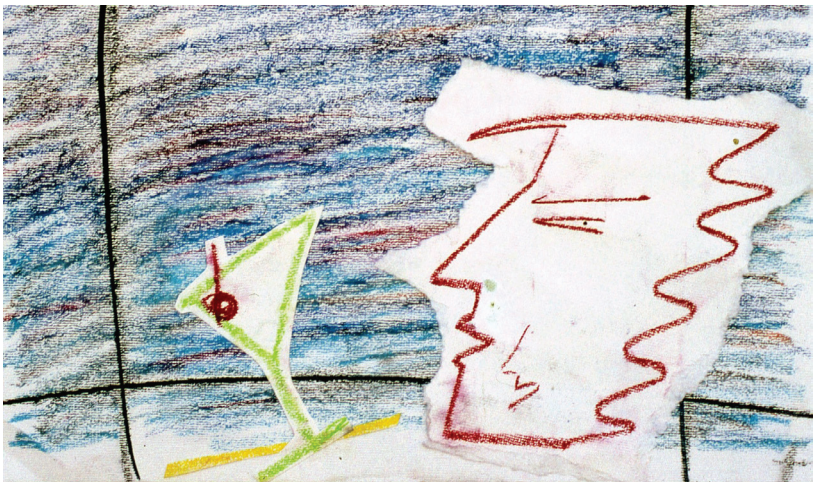


Figure 9.4 How My Family Makes Me Feel



Figure 9.5 Little Baby DaDa



Figure 9.6 Time



Figure 9.8 Crash Test Dummy

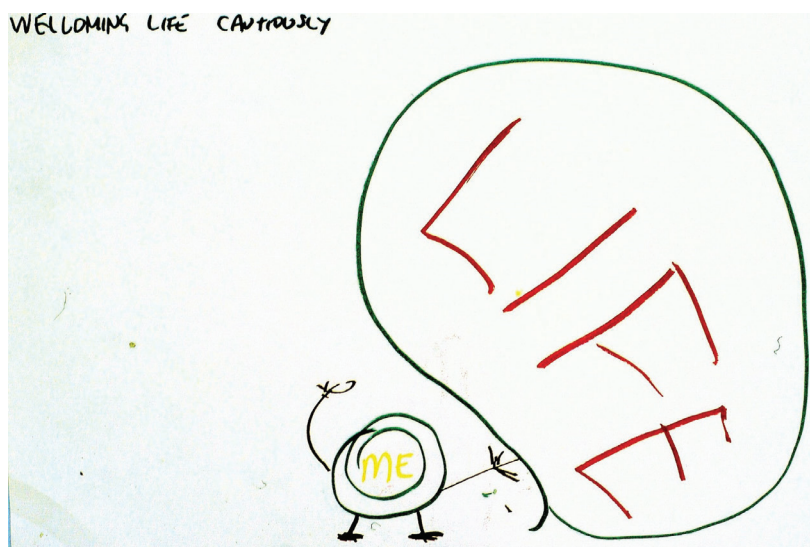


Figure 9.9 Welcoming Life Cautiously

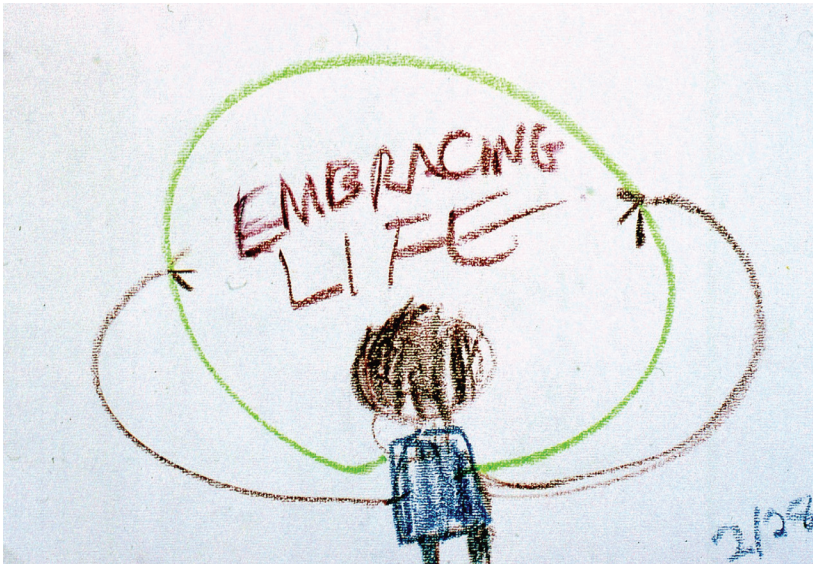


Figure 9.10 Embracing Life



Figure 10.1 Pool



Figure 10.2 Leg



Figure 10.3 Bed

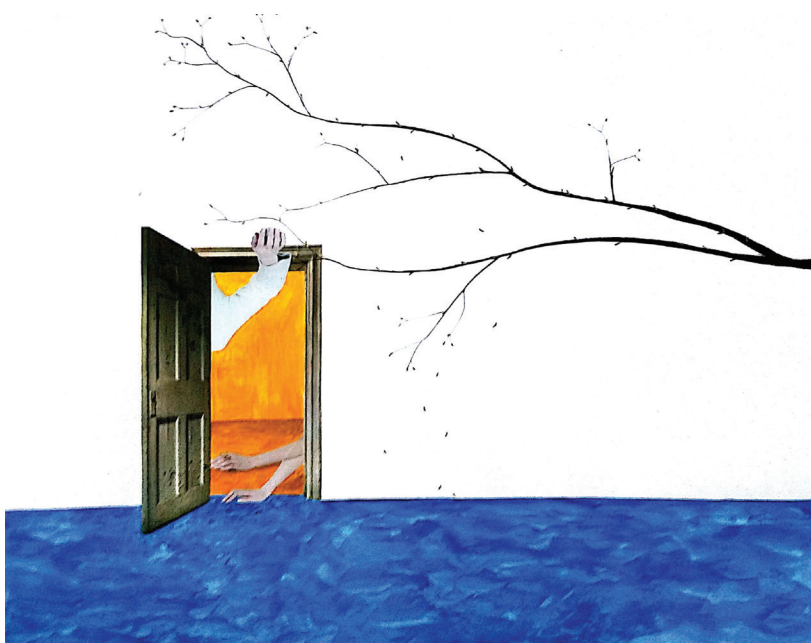


Figure 10.4 Hands



Figure 11.1 Charles's Depiction of the Split in His Mind



Figure 11.2 Elle's Oil Painting



Figure 12.2 Rats



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Many people harbor shame and self-hate toward themselves, caged by their own minds and beliefs rather than anything around them. I crave a life of greater meaning. There is nothing to be found in riches, good looks, or competitive success. I seek something innately meaningful, maybe more spiritual—something that brings significance to small, daily occurrences. My artistic practice, related to the Surrealist search for the marvelous and my own pursuit of an expanded awareness, is a search for hope.

Figure 12.3 Words

Close up of words selected for the shared values collage by the residents. Residents discussed and connected to themes within the text of hiding, shame, and finding meaning in creativity.