



celebrating **Disability Awareness Month**



Conceived in the shower, the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative started the same way a quilt does: with small pieces of patchwork that just keep growing. Needing an outlet for her emotions while watching her mother's Alzheimer's progress, Ami Simms, a professional quilter, thought, "Maybe I should make a quilt about what is happening to my mother."



In Wyoming's Wind River Indian Reservation, one man is renowned for the gentling of magnificent wild horses. A tribal elder, shaman and healer of the Northern Arapahoe tribe, Stan Addison is the magnetic force at the center of the Heyteyneytah Project, a position he fulfills from a wheelchair.



There is something familiar found within Haile King Rubie's art that ignites memories of something seen before, perhaps in a book or museum of famous artworks, perhaps sporting the signature of ... Klee? Cezanne? Picasso? What makes this teenager special isn't just his skill with acrylics and brushes, but also his child-like attitude toward painting and life. Rubie was born with Down syndrome.



