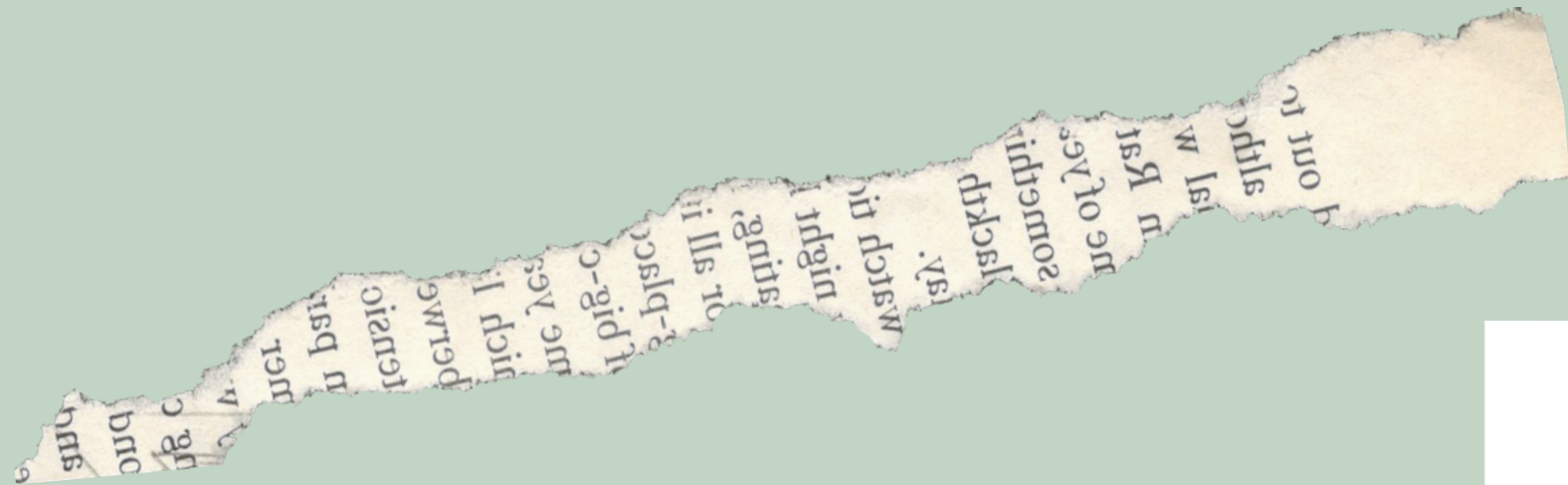


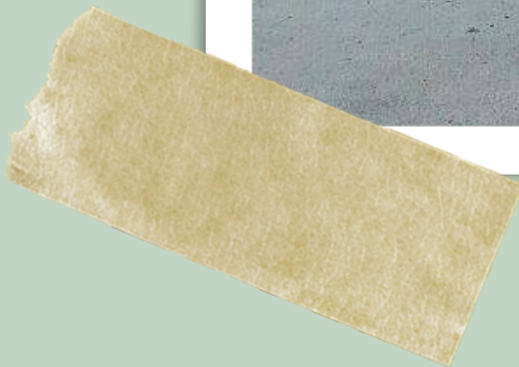


Following in your footsteps
With great honor I walk on the
path created by the strong women
in my life. My path was created
with tears, sacrifices, but most
importantly with LOVE. You have
taught me the value of hard work.



Thank you

Thank you for allowing me to
grow up knowing what it's
like to have a father. Thank
you for stepping up when my
real father disappeared.
Thank you for teaching me
strenght.





My Hero

You may not consider
yourself anyone's hero. In
my eyes you are my hero. You
fough off Leukemia like a
true warrior. Thank you
brother for teaching me the
value of resilience.





My View

This has been my view for the last 20 years. Growing up I always gazed at the beautiful sunset as I gripped a mop. I learned to be one of the best house cleaners working alongside my mom cleaning rich folks homes. This view taught me to dream.

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Grandma's Kitchen

Growing up, grandma showed love not with hugs but through her food. I take my grandma's kitchen wherever I go. After a long day, cooking helps me release my emotions silently and peacefully.

OUR GRADUATION

Do you remember our UC Berkeley Graduation? I can still remember the gleam in your eyes and how proud you were. This was your first trip outside of our neighborhood.





Defend Public Education

It took me a long time to understand why my school couldn't afford to expand our library. Education is power. No one should be denied that power.



You Are Beautiful

You are beautiful, the
three words I hated the
most growing up. Words
used by my abusers.
Today I reclaim those
words. I am beautiful.





Decade of Love

You have shown me the real meaning of love. Love that is genuine not forced. When I felt tainted, you nurtured me until I bloomed into a beautiful flower. Thank you for pushing me to grow.

Empowerment

At a young age I learned the value and importance of empowerment. Through empowerment I was able to overcome my challenges. It is my duty now to empower others.





Restorative Circles

Each one of these chairs will hold and support the journey of an individual seeking healing and peace. Our communities crave safe spaces to process the hardships of life. Each time I am empowered.

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Health Equity

My community has the right to live a long and healthy life. Our zip code should not be the determining factor whether we get to live longer or not.

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Teen Vaping Epidemic

Each year our community has seen an increase in teen vaping. Youth are becoming targets of the tobacco industry through their flavored tobacco. We will not let our youth become life long customers to the tobacco industry.





FEMINICIDIOS

Not one more. We must protect our grandmas, mothers, sisters, and daughters. We were not put on this earth to be hurt, ridiculed, raped, or killed. We are your grandmas, mothers, sisters, and daughters.



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Freedom

My community wants freedom from danger. Our youth should be able to walk the street without the fear that they will be kidnapped or tricked into human trafficking.

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