



“Shattering Expectations”

I made this piece to express my state of mind towards my battle with Cystic Fibrosis. This is a self portrait of me enjoying the view I have chosen to make, which isn't the view I always had. My CF tried and failed to take away my determination to see the beauty of the world.

There is a clock on the hospital side table with the time 37:00, which represents the average year life expectancy that CF patients had when I was born. I am wearing a purple shirt, which is the color of CF awareness. Advocating for others with CF is something I strive to do for as long as I can, and the support, love, and life-changing care that I received from the CF community is something that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.