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# About the Program

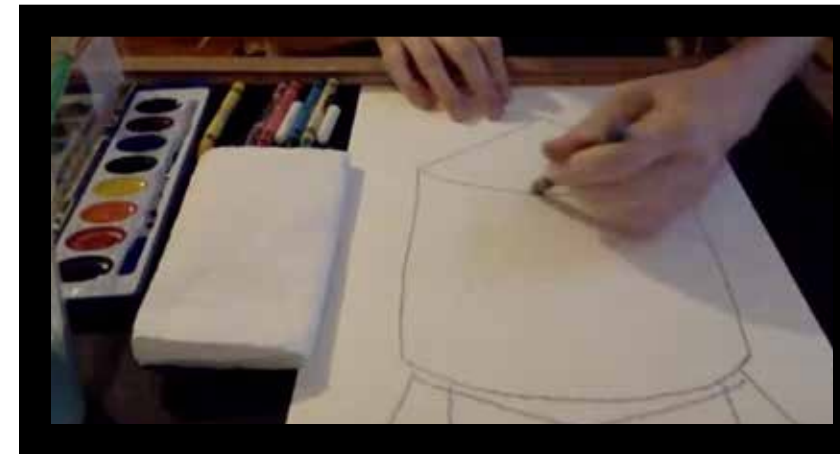
In 2020, the DTCC Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) team wanted to engage employees and their children with the annual theme of sustainability and recycling. Behind the Book (BtB) suggested a program around *The Water Princess* by Susan Verde, a true story about a young girl who carries water for her family daily which reminds its readers about the importance of conserving water to preserve our environment.

It was decided that the three DTCC offices would participate at 5PM in their regions on the same day and invitations were sent out to all. The first 300 people to RSVP received autographed copies of *The Water Princess*.

Susan started the workshop by leading the groups in a short round of yoga poses the same way that she begins her day.

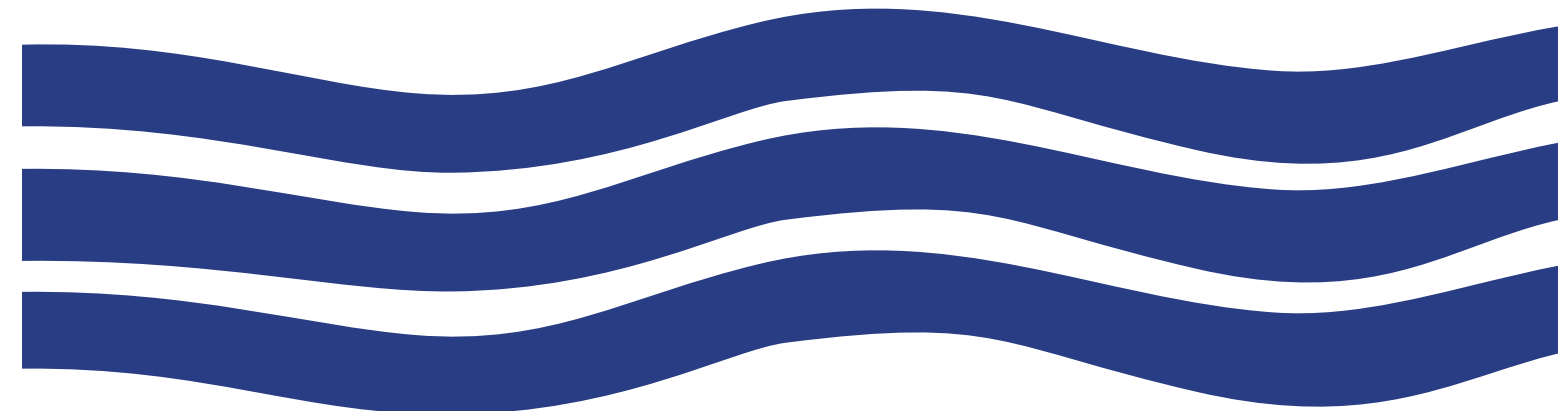
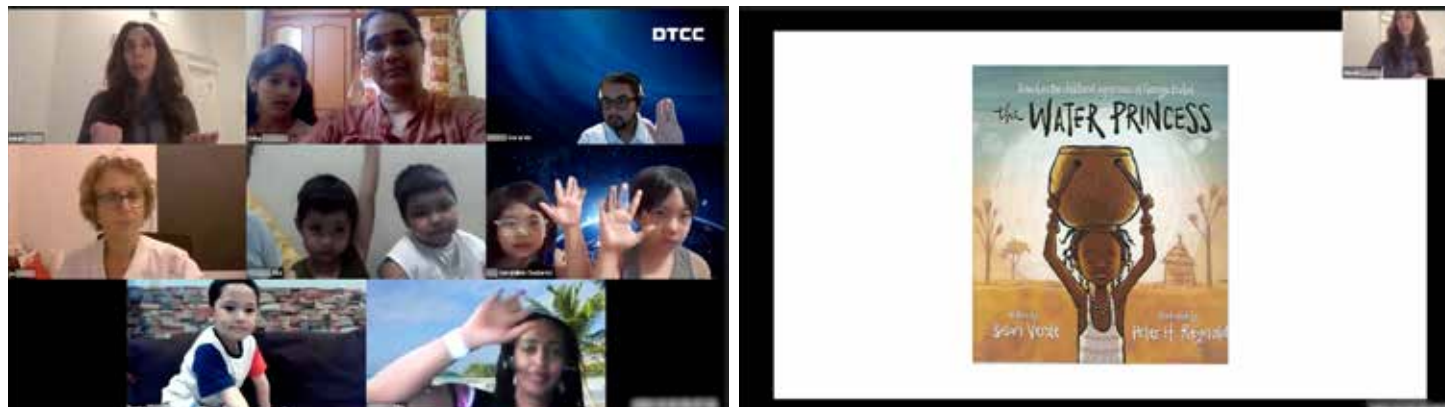
Then she talked about her connection to Georgie Badiel, the woman whose story she tells in the book. She explained that the girls from the village had to travel the equivalent of seven football fields to get to the well every day. She also said that the buckets they carry on their heads hold five gallons which is enough to serve one family for one day. In the US, each family uses an average of 552 gallons per day.

BtB Teaching Artist Candice Humphries, led a lesson in activist art which communicates a message through art. She taught the participants the technique of 'wax resist,' where you first draw with crayons, then cover with watercolor paint, making the crayoned designs pop out.



The assignment: Make a water tower with an action message for the reader reminding people that water is precious and can't be wasted.

We hope you enjoy their efforts as much as we did.



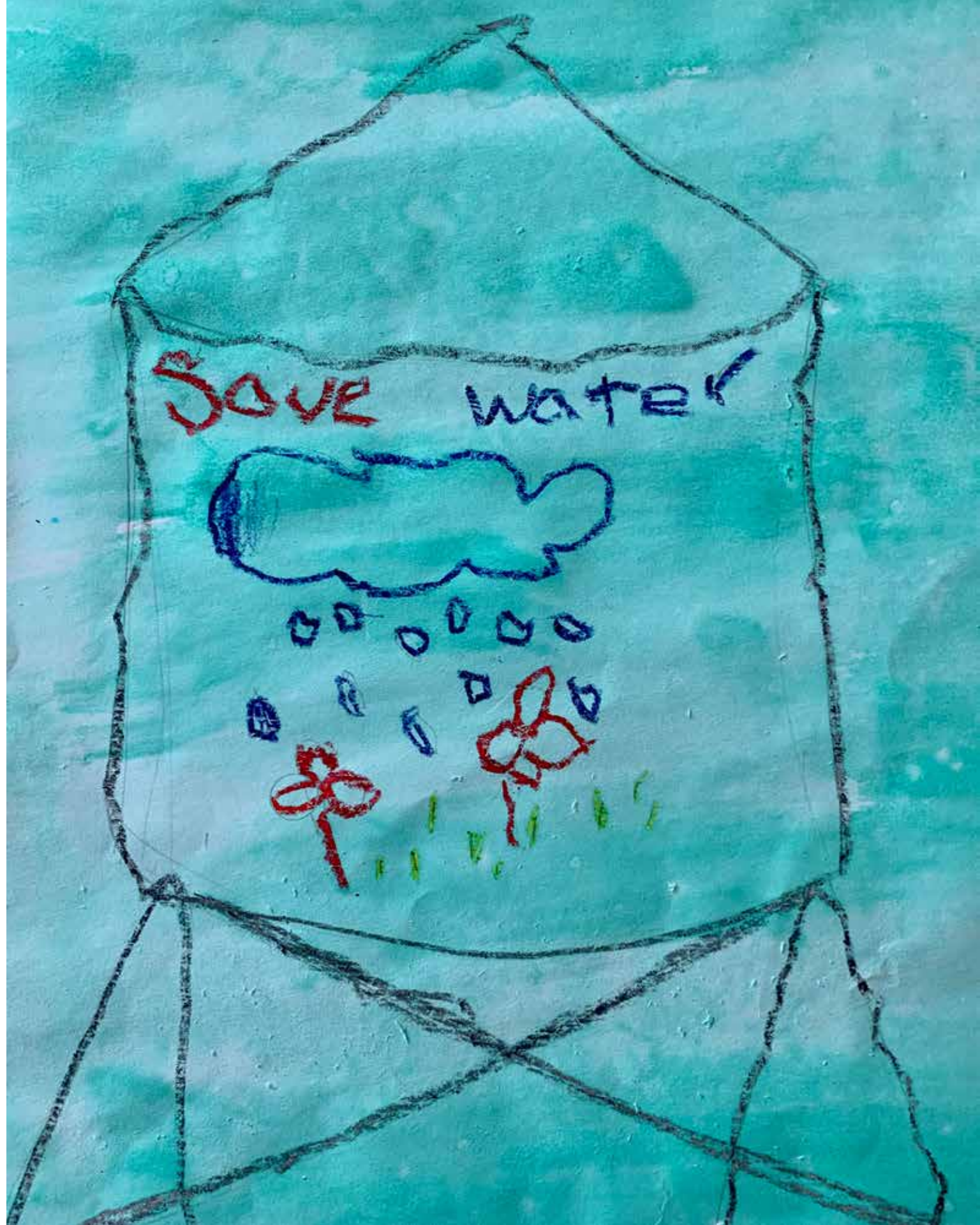


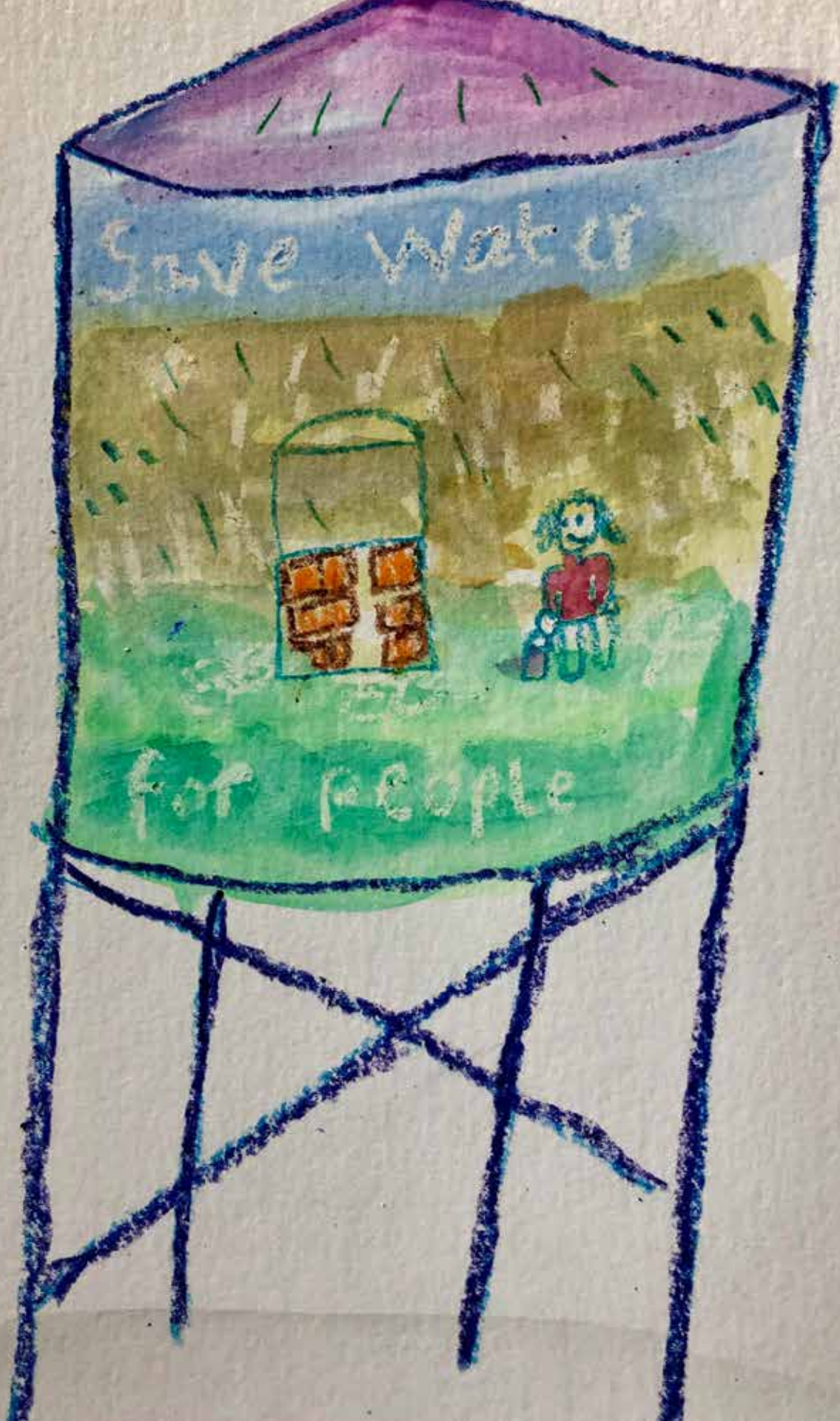
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**Eilan J.**

**AGE 5, TAMPA FL, US**  
daughter of Hanniel J.



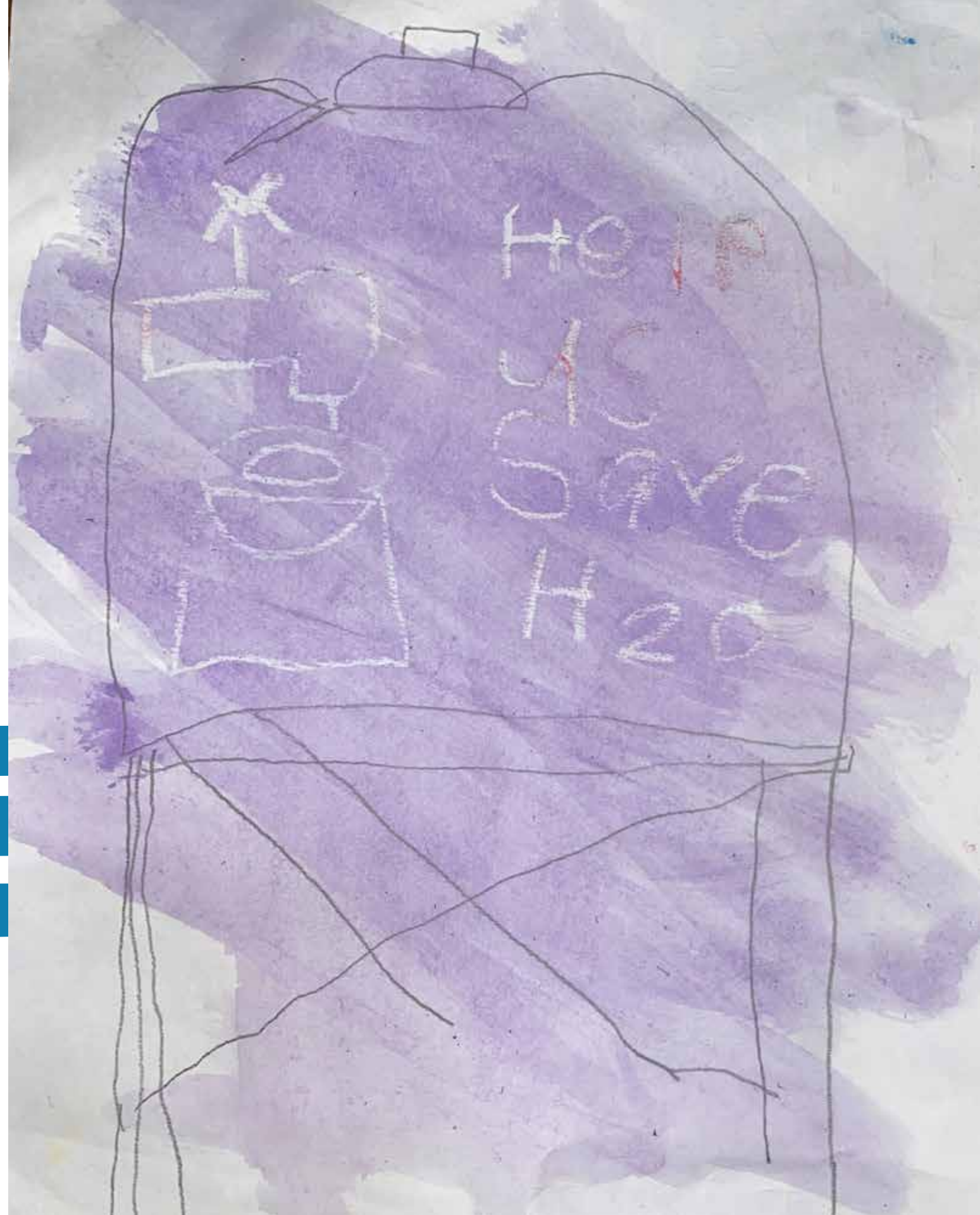


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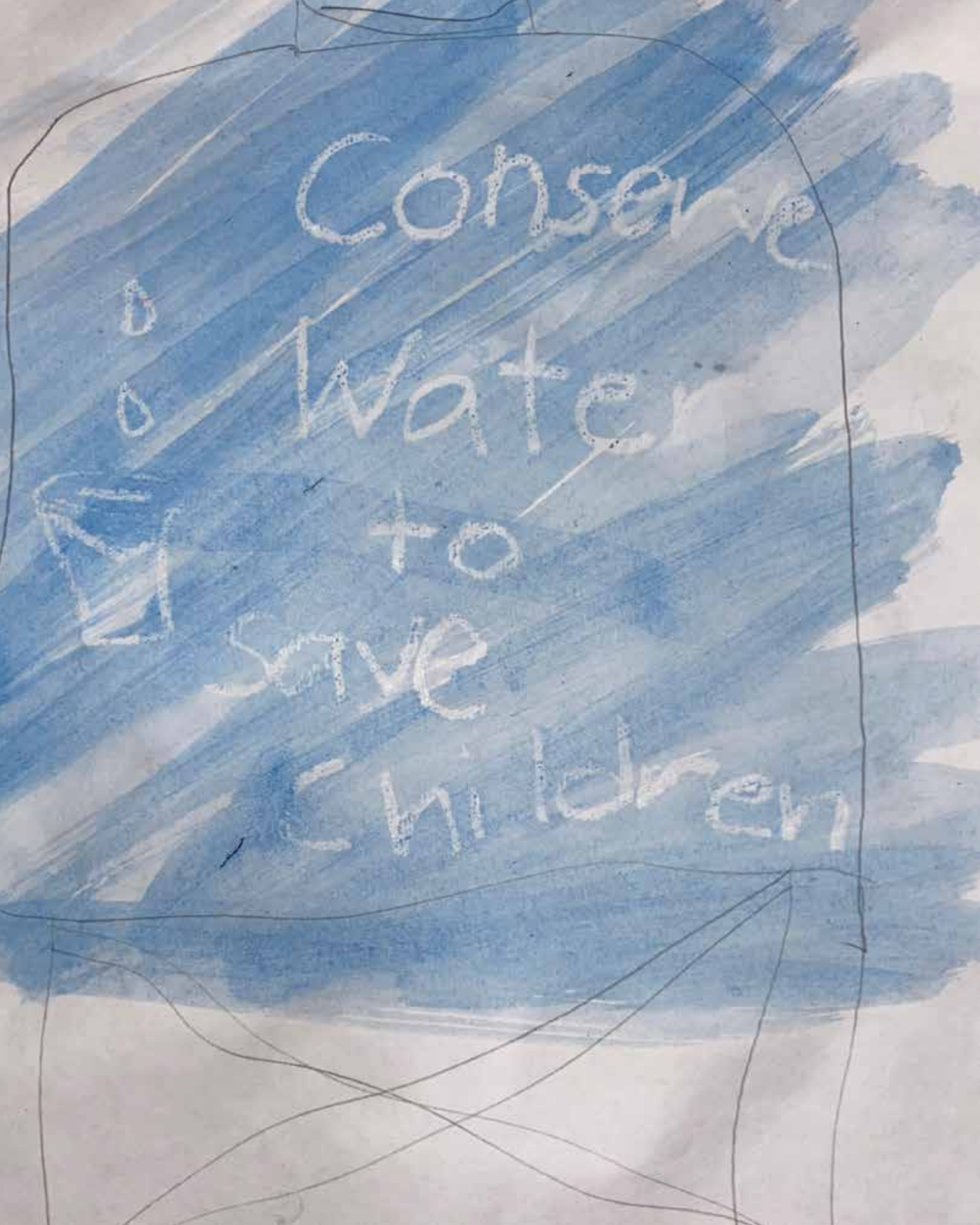
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daughter of Pradeep N.

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AGE 5, LAS PINTA CITY, PHILLIPINES  
daughter of Donna B.







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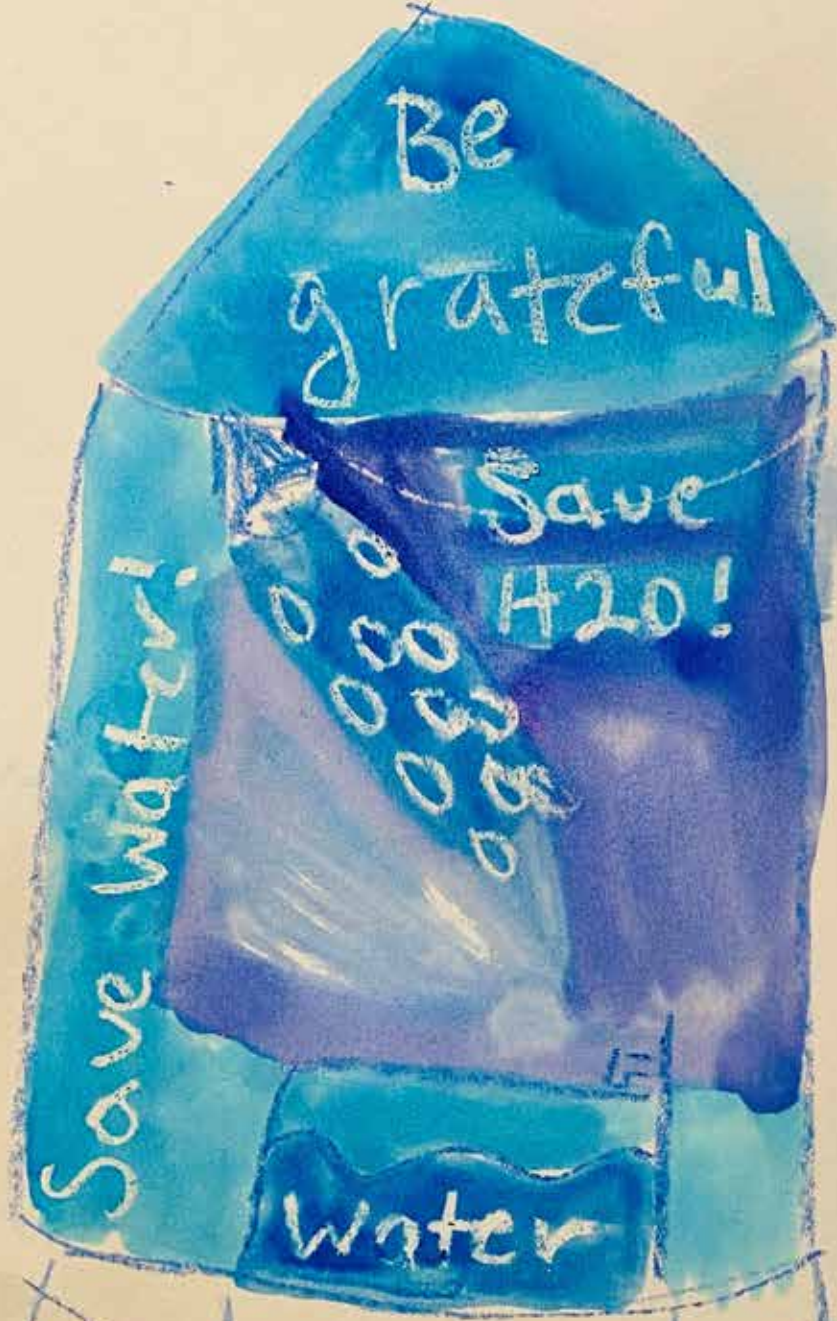
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daughter of Brendan D.

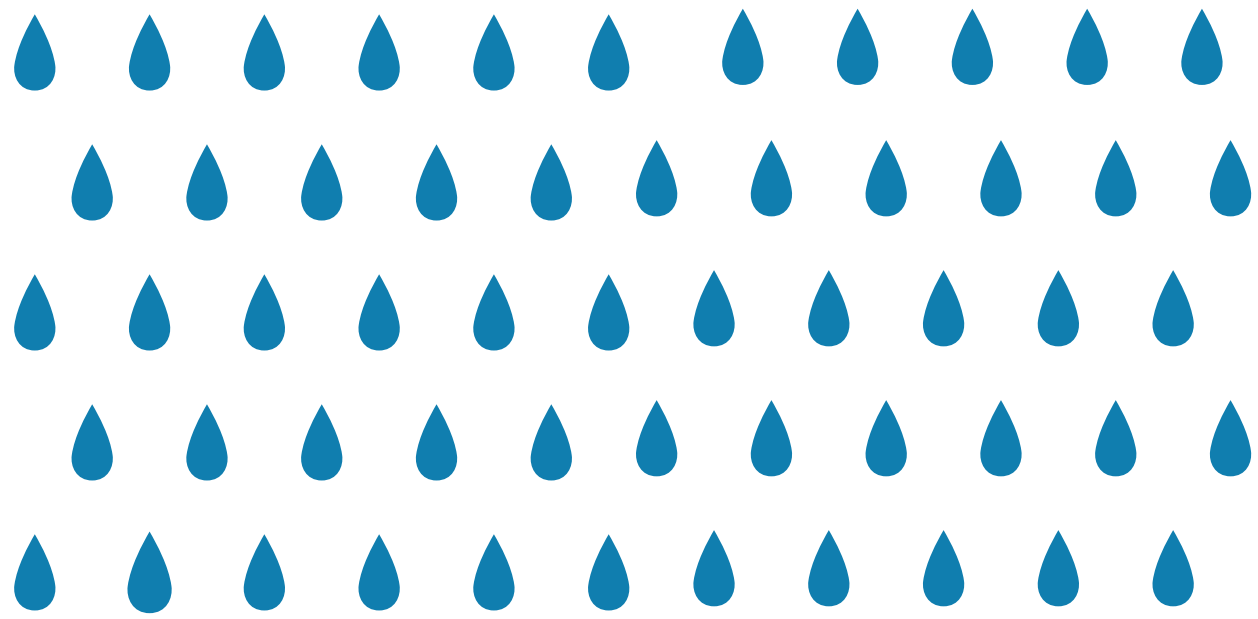




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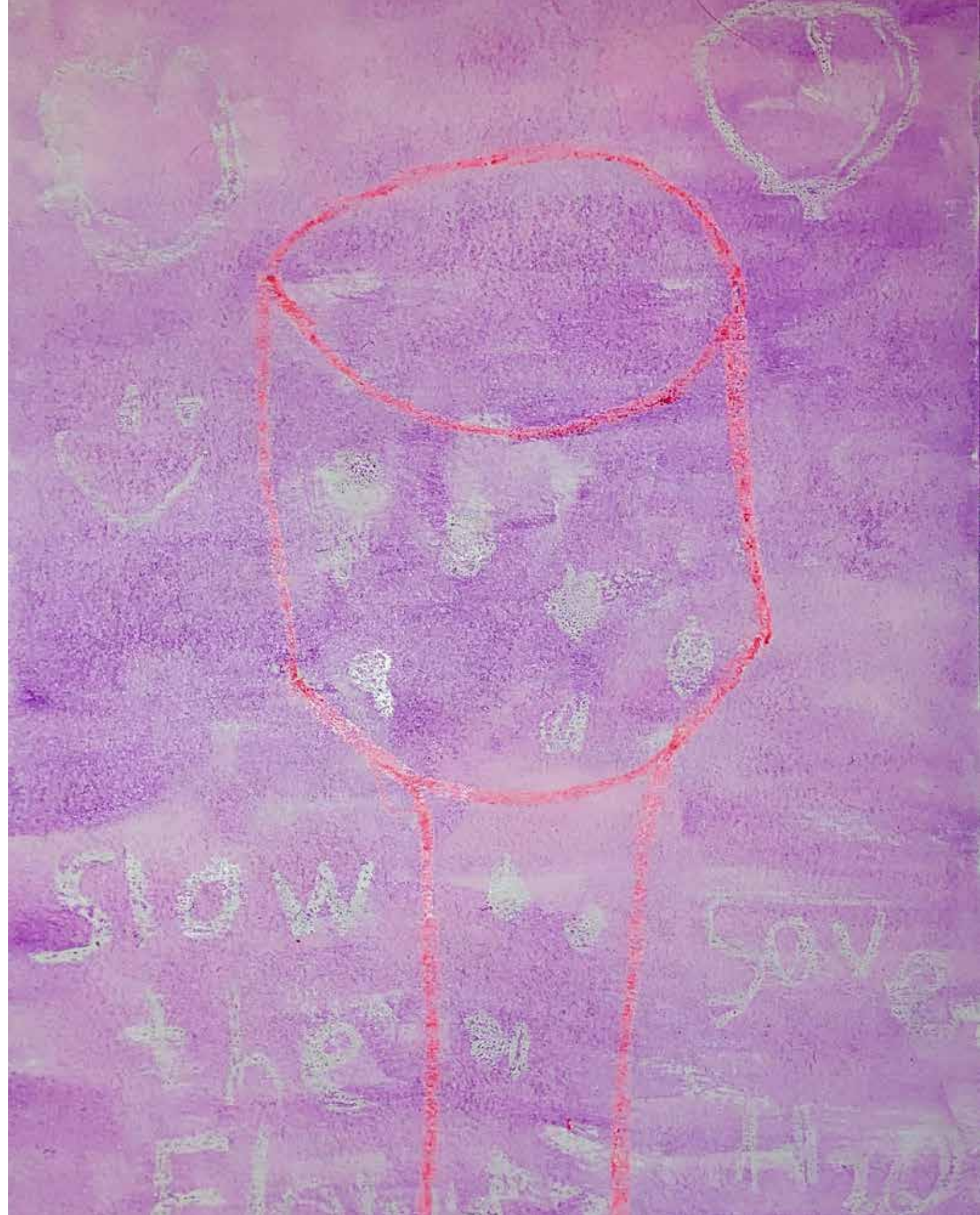
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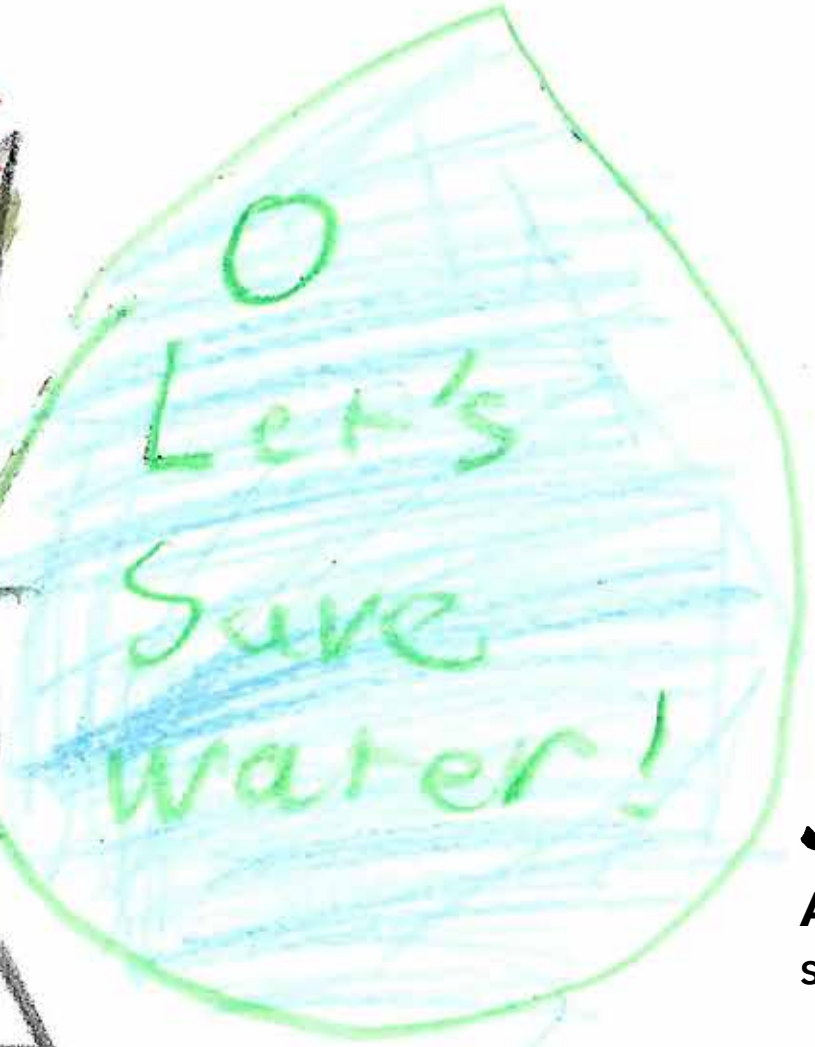
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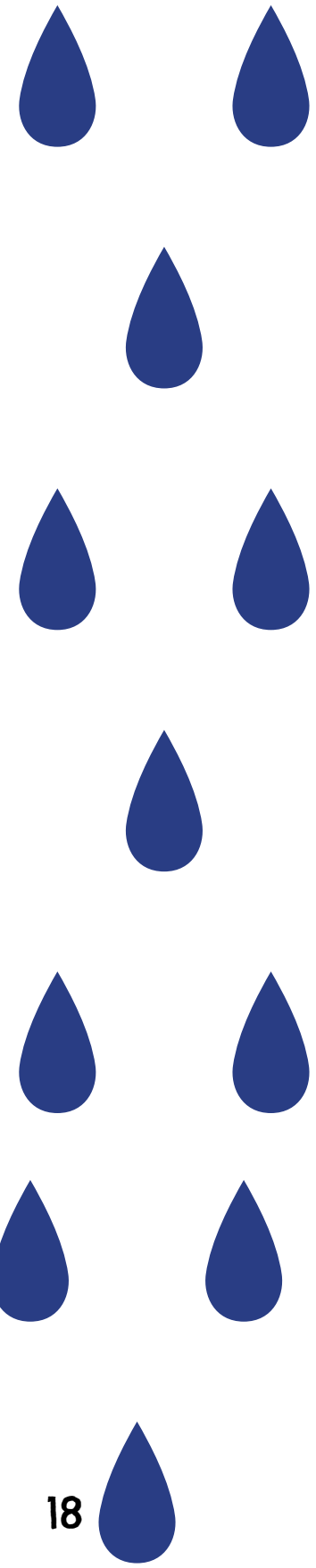
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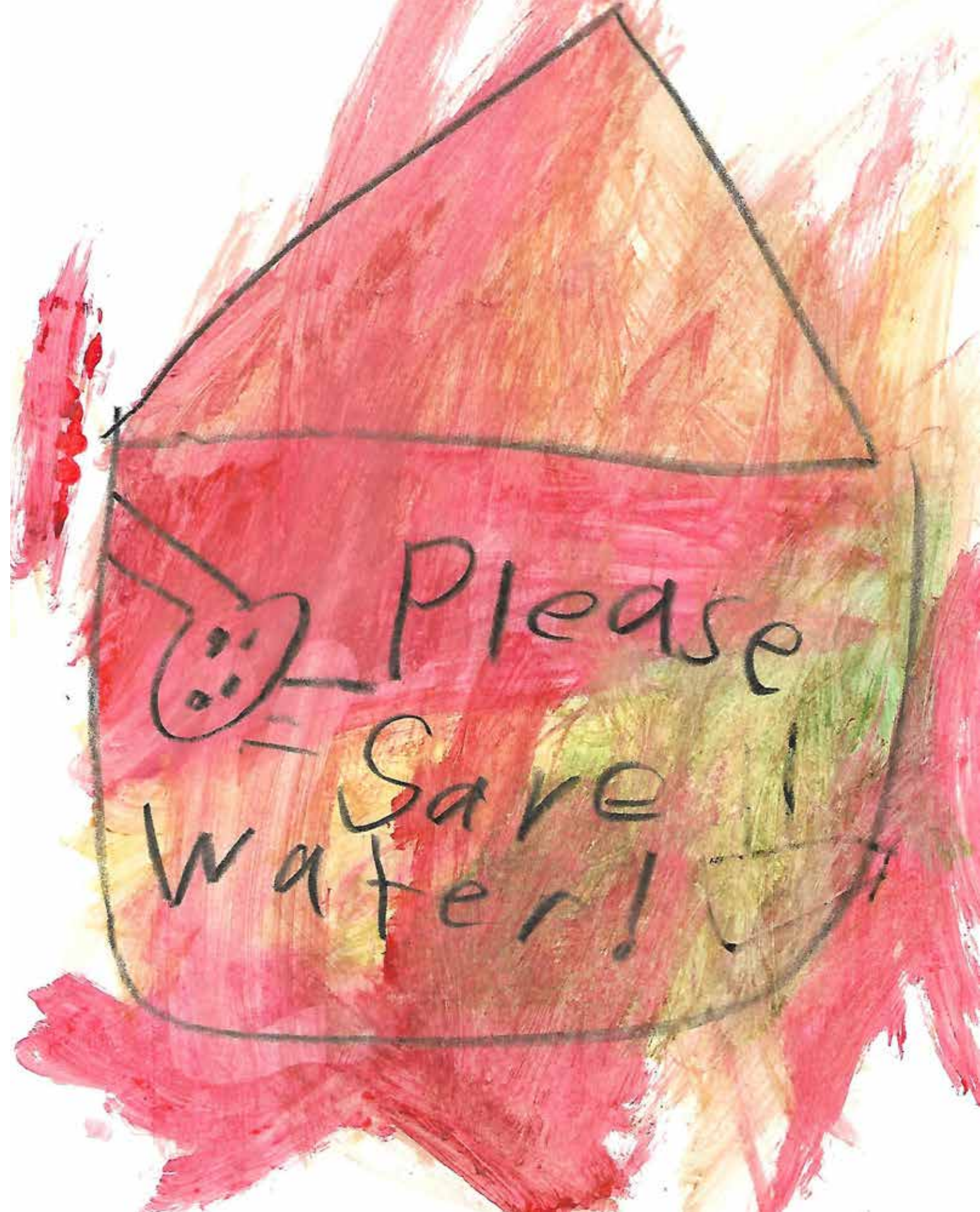
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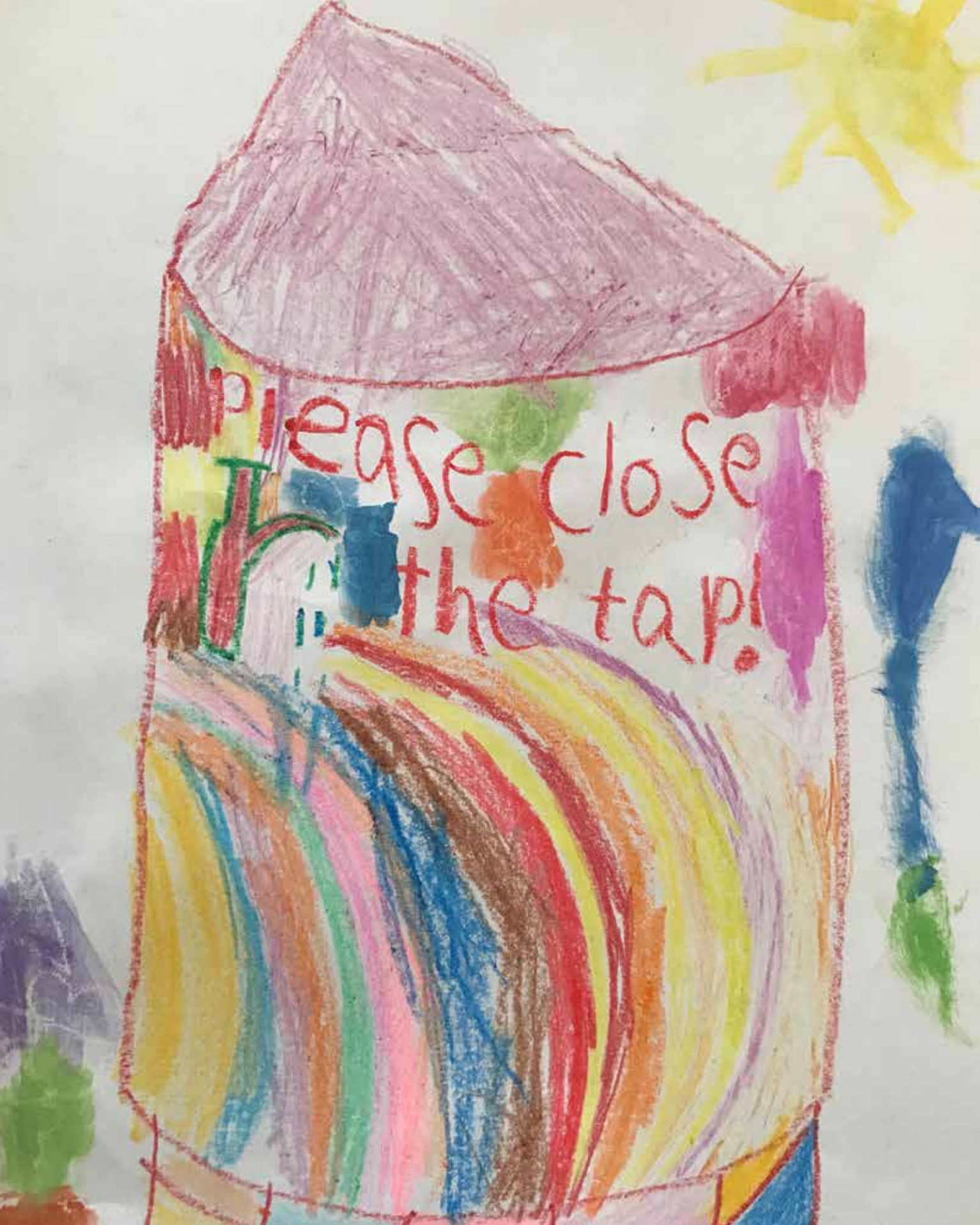
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son of Bonny F.



# JOHN F.

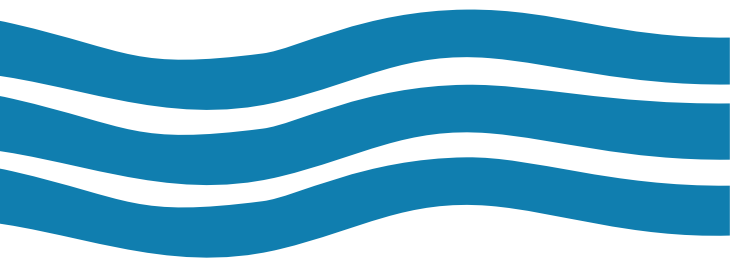
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son of Bonny F.





**MIA V-M.**

**AGE 5, LONDON, UK**  
daughter of Eloy V-L.



**EMI V-M.**

**AGE 4, LONDON, UK**  
daughter of Eloy V-L.

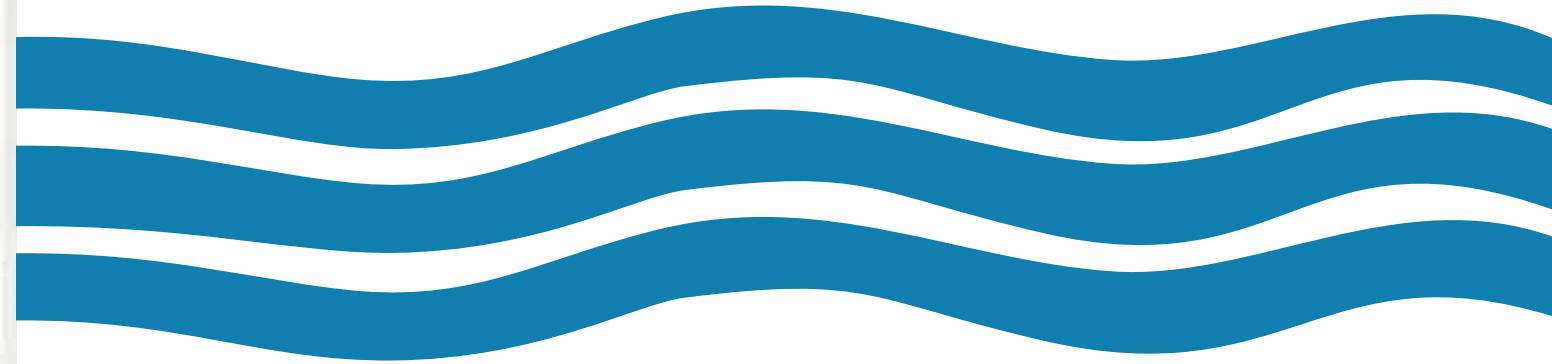


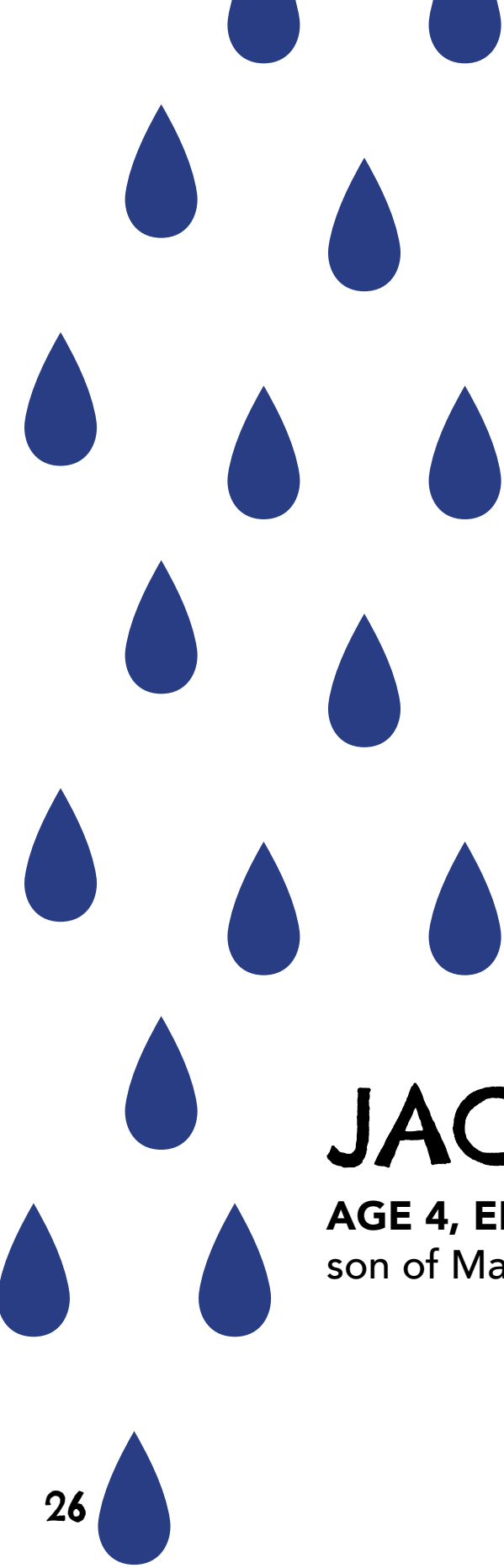




**HARRY S.**

**AGE 7, EPSOM, SURREY, UK**  
son of Mark S.





# JACK S.

AGE 4, EPSOM, SURREY, UK  
son of Mark S.





# GABRIELLA R.

AGE 6, TAMPA BAY, FL, US  
daughter of Gerardo R.

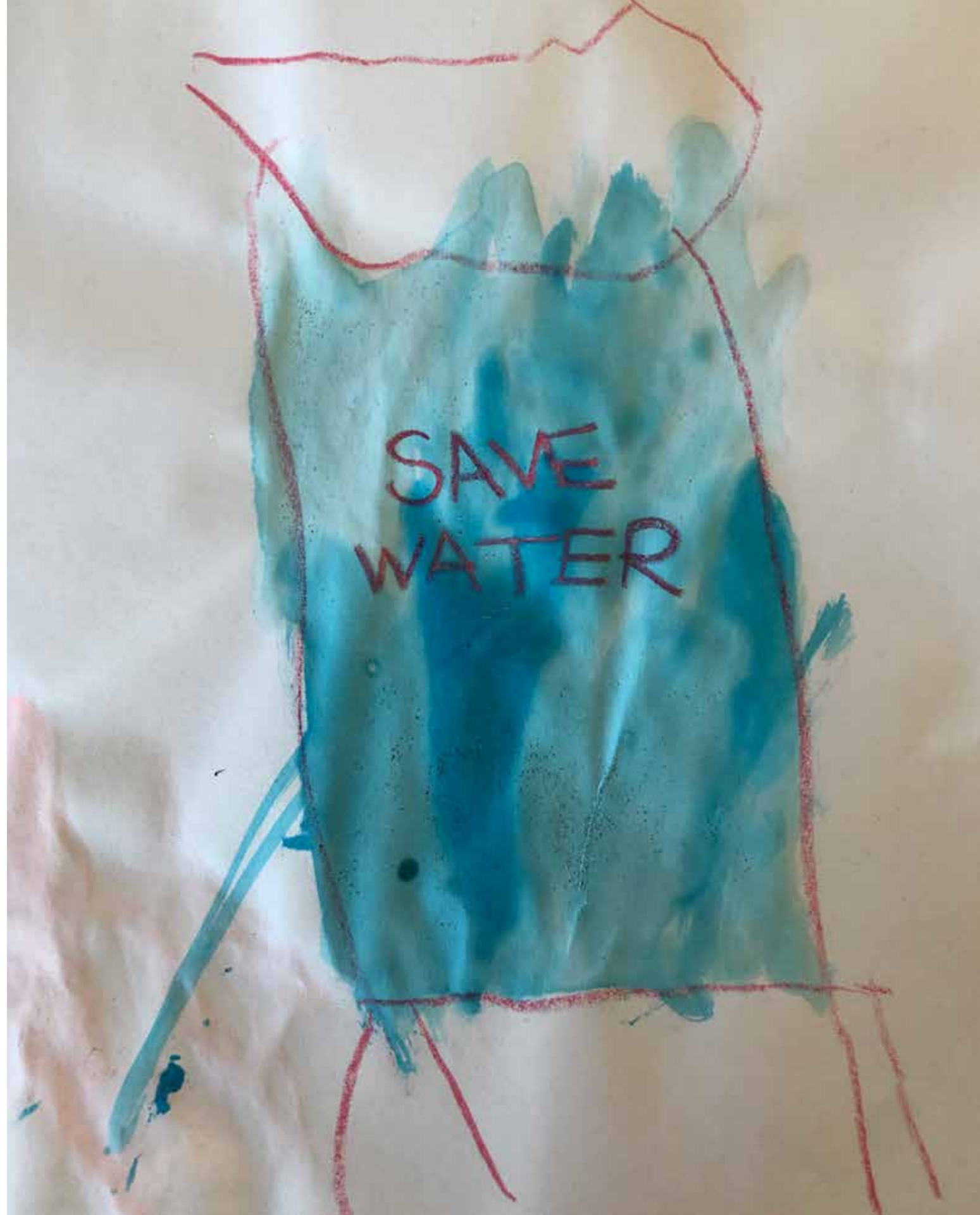




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**AGE 4, BROOKLINE, MA, US**

daughter of Jacqueline C.





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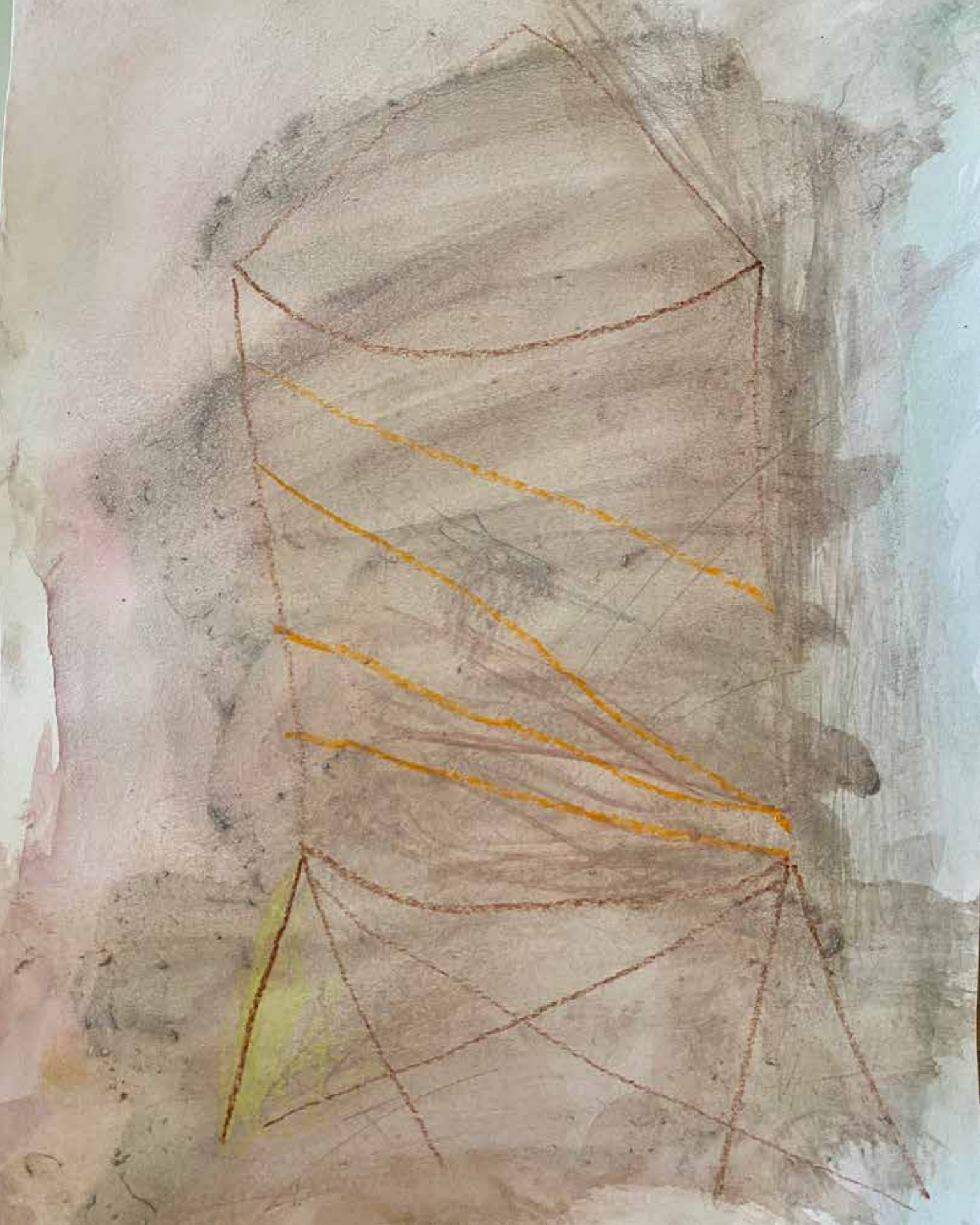
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daughter of Brooks N.



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AGE 7, KELLER, TX, US  
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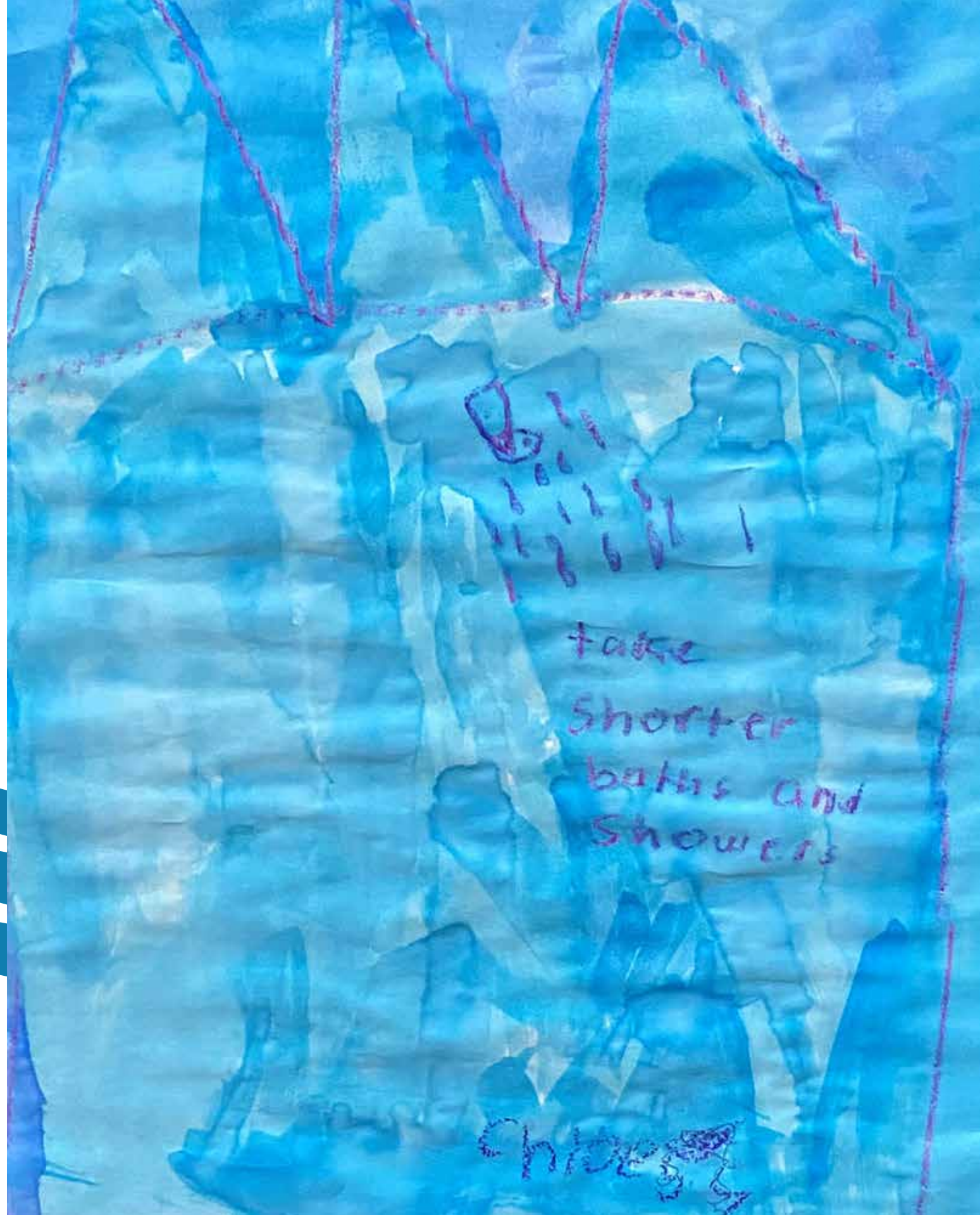




**CONOR D.**

**AGE 5, KELLER, TX, US**  
daughter of Brendan D.

**CHLOE S.**  
AGE 8, SHELTON, CT, US  
granddaughter of Phil A.

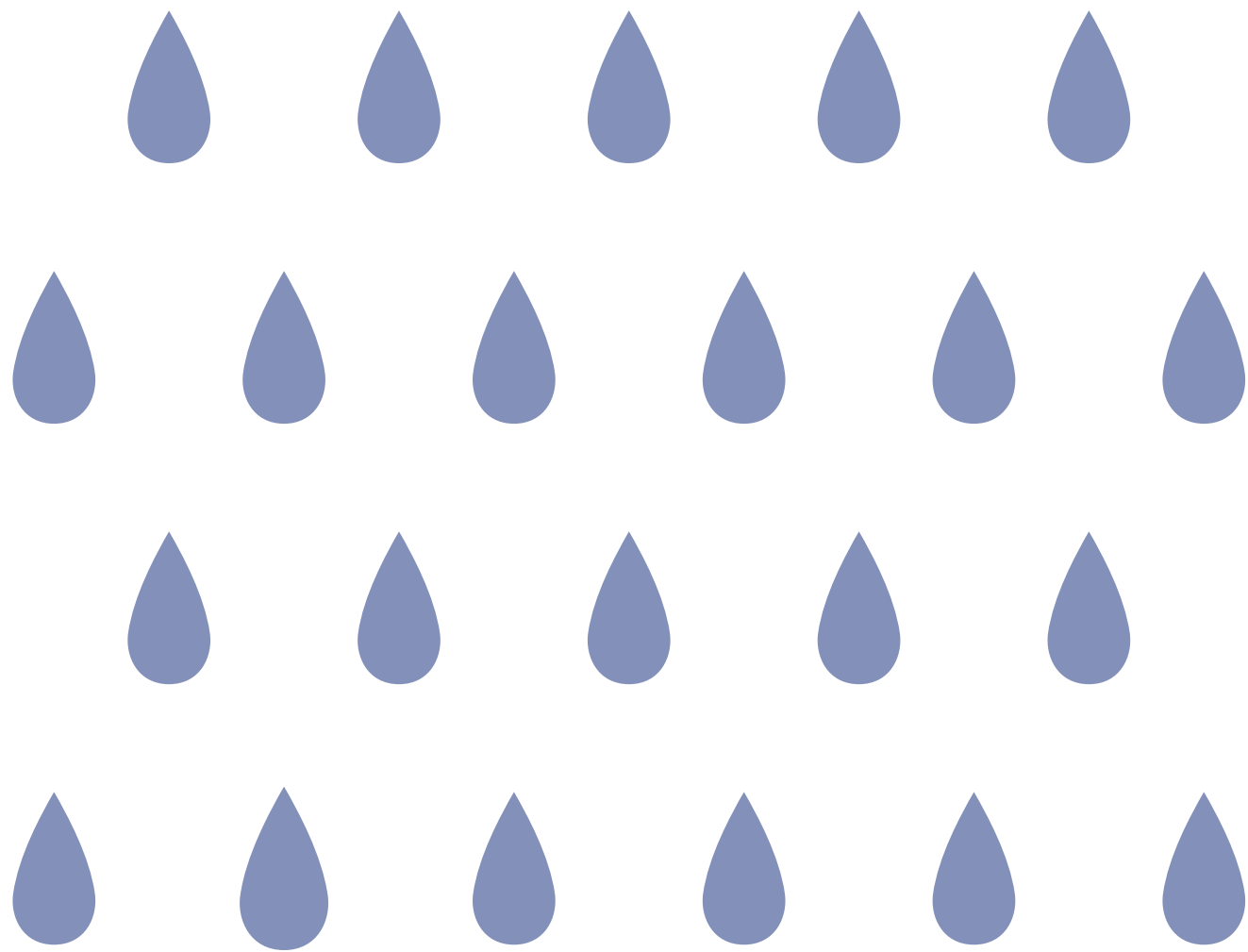






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**AGE 8, NYC, NY, US**  
daughter of Erika C.



# REESE C.

AGE 6, NYC, NY, US  
daughter of Erika C.





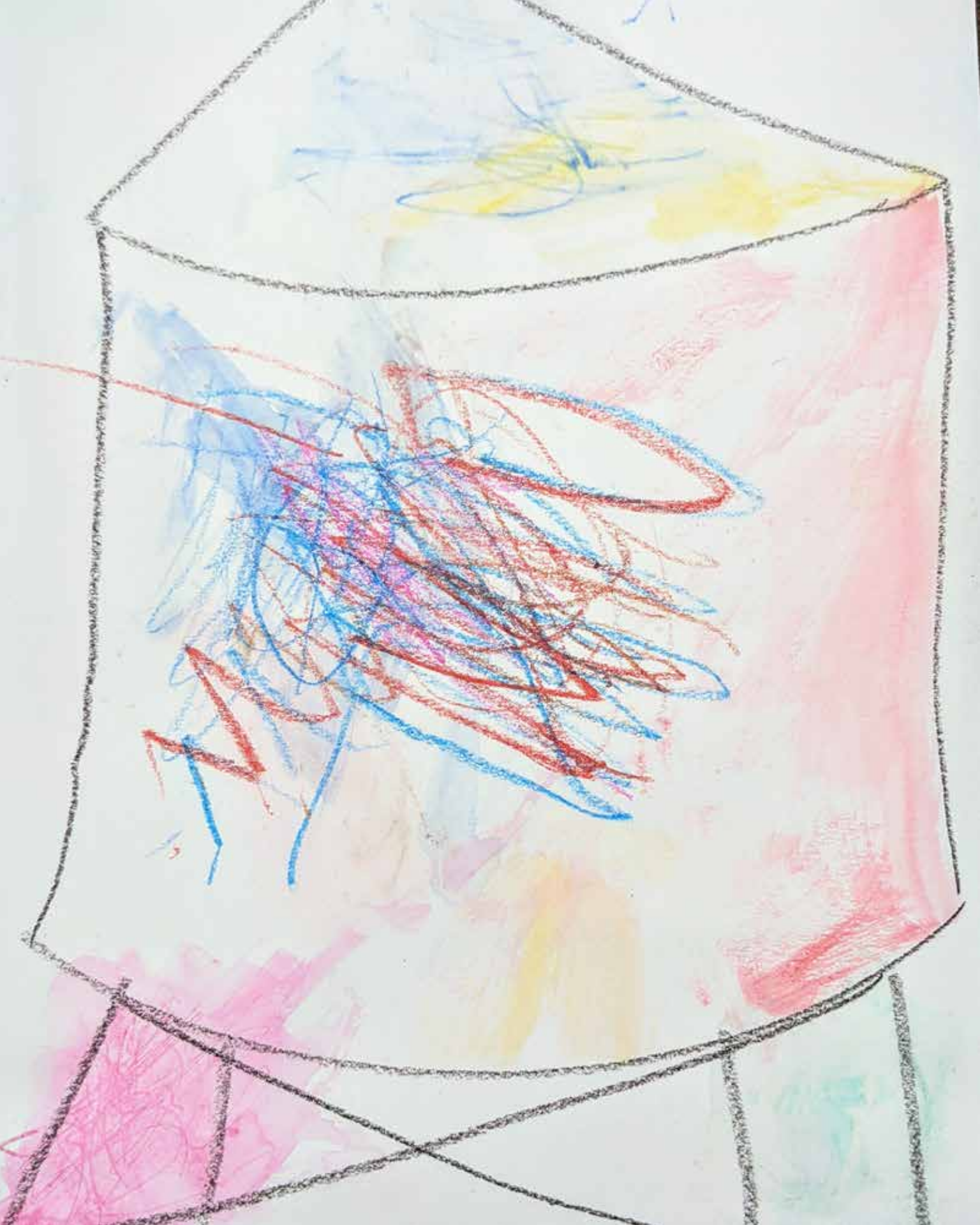
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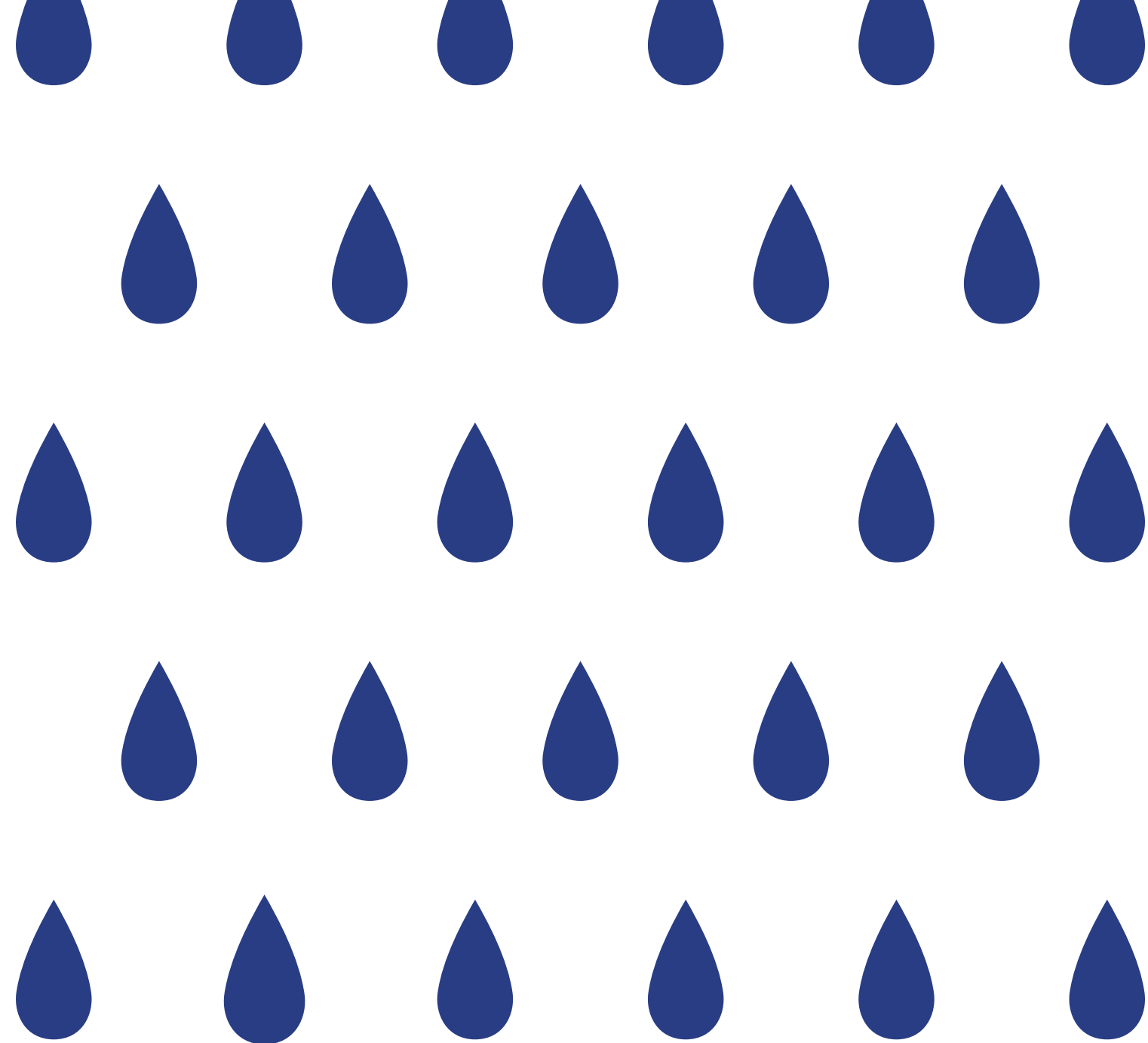
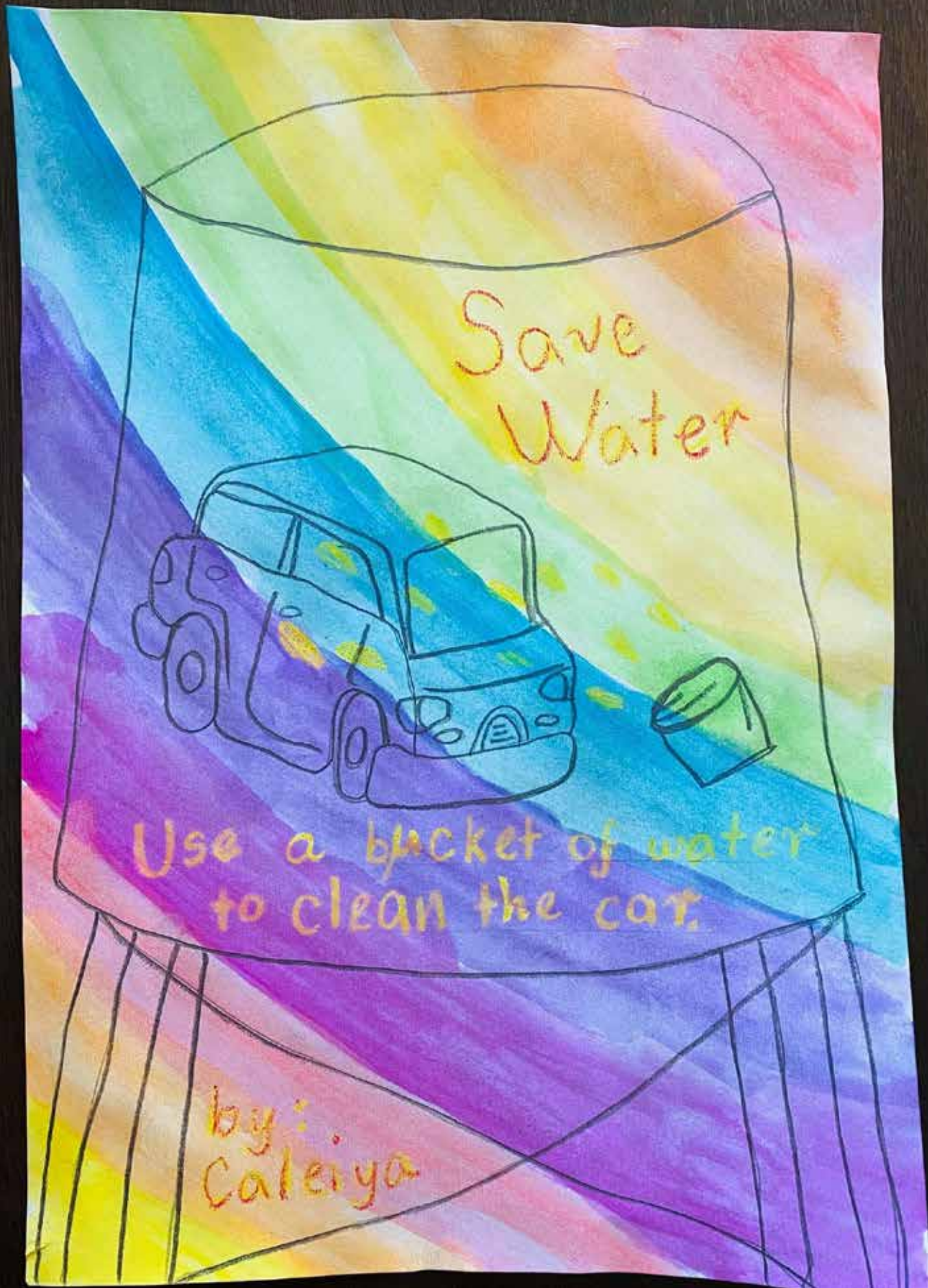
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son of Jay F.





**JASPER L.**  
AGE 3, CHESTER, UK  
son of Christine L.



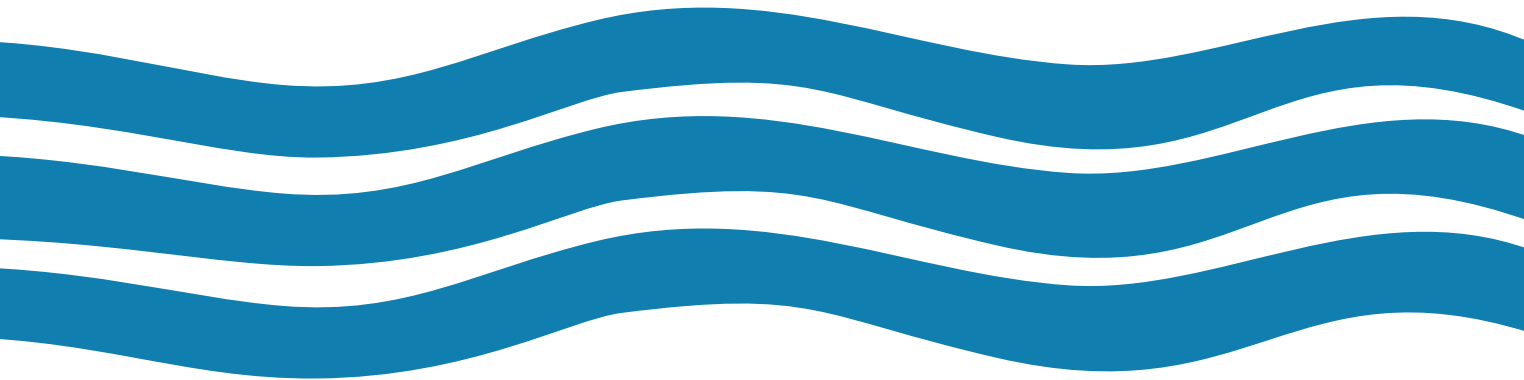
**CALEIYA M.**

AGE 7, BRISBANE, AUS

niece of Evelyn V.

**GISELE J.**

**AGE 3, TAMPA, FL, US**  
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**KIDANE S.**

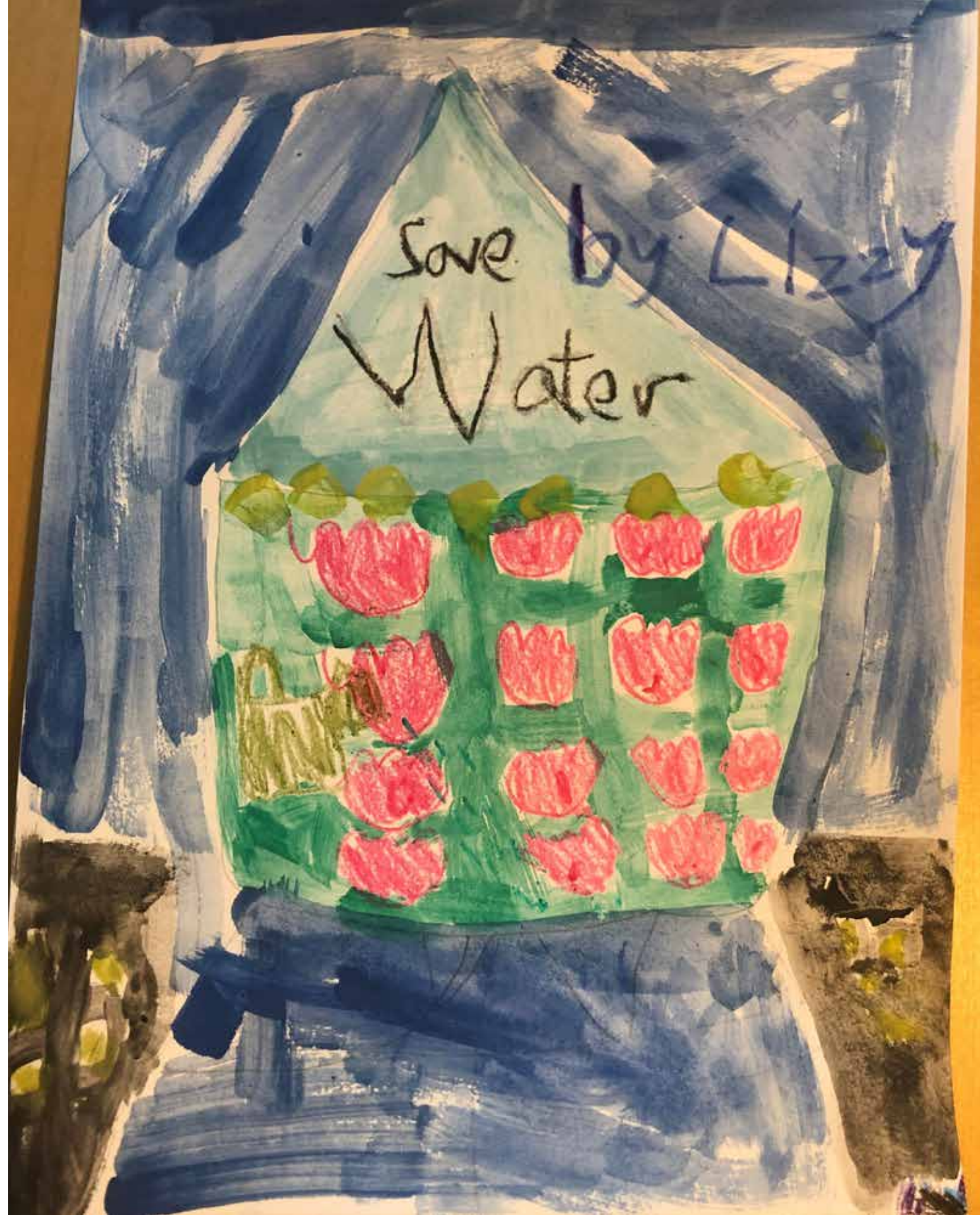
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son of Fikir S.





**LIZZY B.**

AGE 7, DALLAS, TX, US  
daughter of Stephen B.



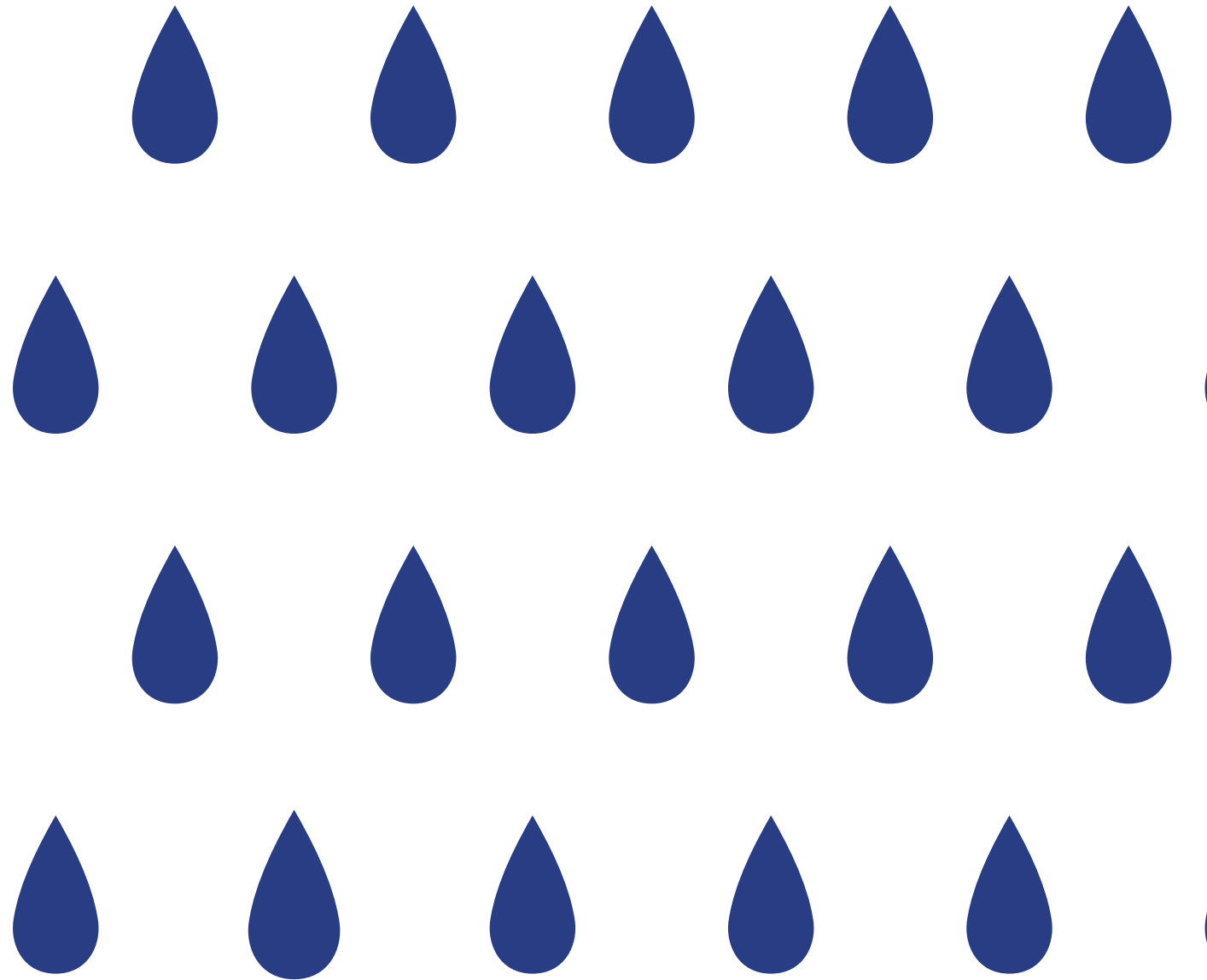
# WATER PRINCESS



## NICO D.

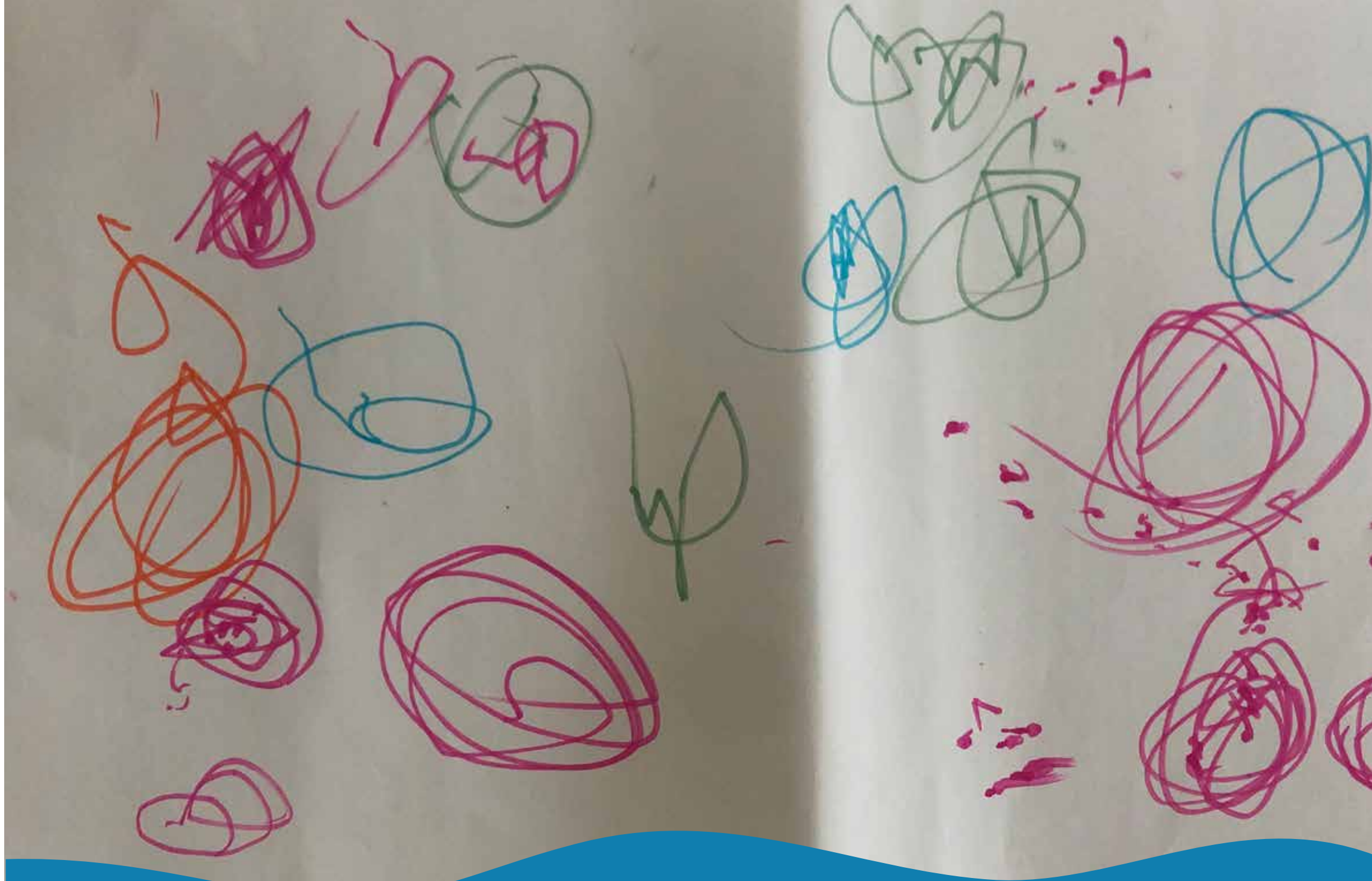
AGE 7, TAMPA, FL, US  
son of Nicholas D.





**LEILANI S.**

AGE 8, COPPELL, TX, US  
daughter of Michelle S.



**IMANI N.**

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# ABIGAIL C.

AGE 8, BOSTON, MA, US  
daughter of Jackie C.



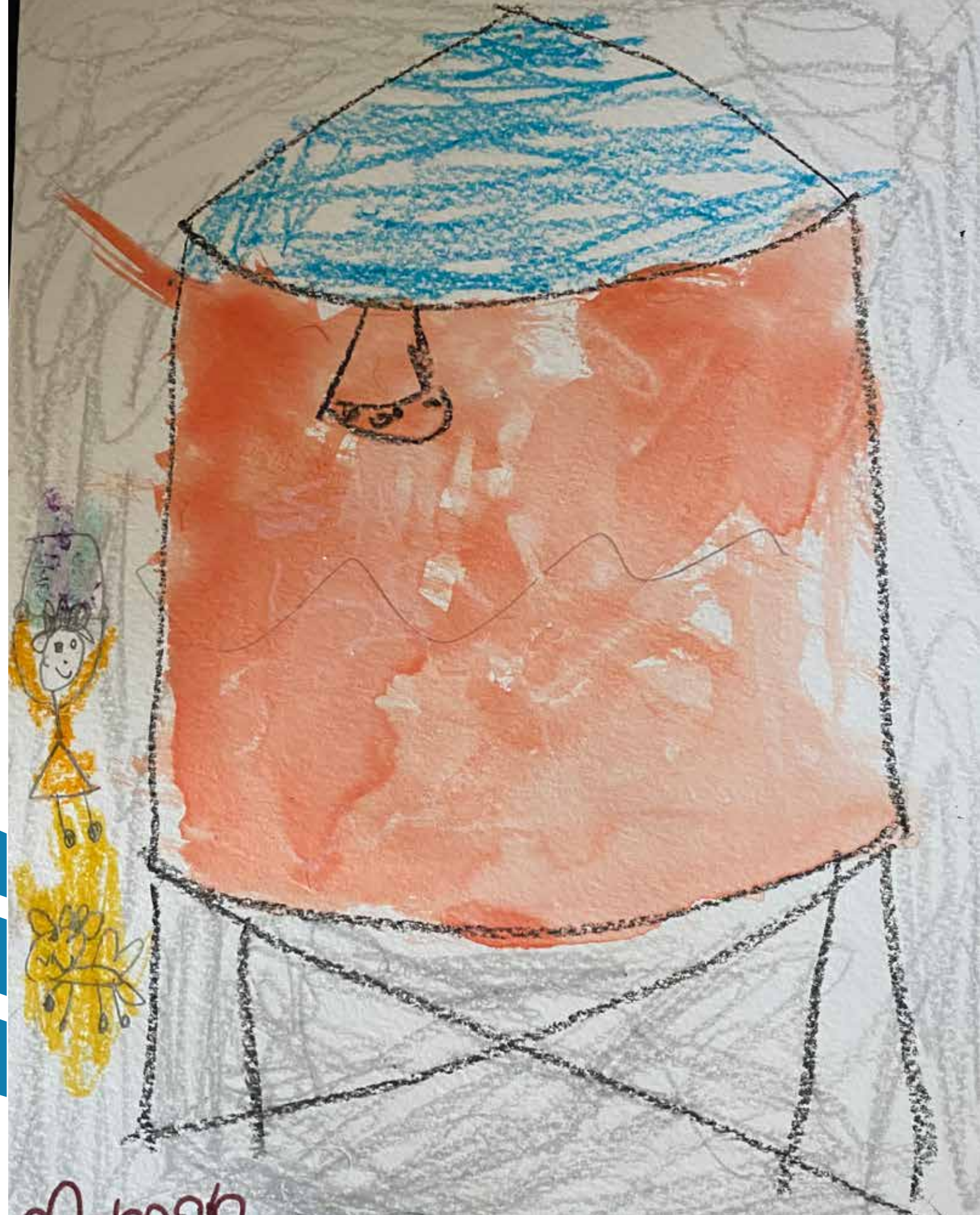
**KATHERINE C.**

**AGE 10, BOSTON, MA, US**  
daughter of Jackie C.



# MORGAN W.

AGE 7, TAMPA, FL, US  
daughter of Jodi-Ann W.





# About the Visiting Author

Susan grew up in Greenwich Village in New York City. As a young person she kept a piece of chalk in her pocket (for spontaneous hopscotch) and her skate key around her neck, ready for the next adventure. She found inspiration everywhere and loved to write all about it!

Now Susan lives by the sea in East Hampton, New York with her three children and their dog, Gizmo. She still finds inspiration everywhere and writes it all down!

In addition to writing books for kids she also teaches yoga and mindfulness to children of all ages. She is a yogi herself and is still working on her headstand.

She is the author of the 13 books for young people including the *I Am* series. Her newest will be out next September called, *I Am Courage: A Book of Resilience*. She also has a *Feel Good Fairy Tales* series that will debut in April.

Susan loves to bring her knowledge of writing, yoga, and mindfulness to schools, libraries, and yoga studios. This is Susan's fifth year working with Behind the Book. You can find out more about her at: [www.susanverde.com](http://www.susanverde.com).



# About the Student Artists

DTCC offers virtual programs around diversity and corporate social responsibility topics, to foster connectivity among employees during the virtual work environment. This was the first program focused on literacy and environmental sustainability and for the entire family.

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Behind the Book brings authors and their books into classrooms to build literacy skills and create a community of lifelong readers and writers. Working with classes from Pre-K through 12th grade, our series of workshops is designed to bring books to life and inspire students to reach their full potential. Behind the Book is embedded in the class curriculum, nurtures critical thinking, creativity, and self-confidence in New York City public school students. All programs meet the Common Core Learning Standards.



*My daughter Advika and I loved reading The Water Princess and it was great to hear from Susan on the background/issues behind the book, as well as get a chance to ask a question. It's much appreciated.*

Pradeep N., dad to Advika

*That was fantastic! It kept the attention of a 4 year old for 45 minutes pre-dinner (emoji thumbs up) a success over here! Thanks so much Jo.*

Jacqueline C., mom to Eleanor

*My two boys enjoyed it even if they are a bit camera shy!*

Jack S., dad to Harry & Jack

*She liked the book, but really got more into it when she attended the info session [workshop] and now I catch her sometimes telling off her little brother for wasting water and I think it's awesome.*

Stephen B., dad to Lizzy



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