



## THE GIFT OF JOY: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

### Project Description

In these uncertain times with schools closed and families facing financial insecurity, we are rightly asked to physically distance ourselves from each other to protect the most vulnerable. While this is for the greater public good, the feelings of isolation and effects on our well-being are real. But we believe that physical distancing does not have to mean disconnection. Rather, we believe these are the moments when community matters most. That is why we, a group of Golden Valley HS students, came together to create the first issue of *The Gift of Joy*, a newsletter/magazine crowdsourced from our larger community. We believe it is our responsibility as youth to help create a community of care and healing and one way we can do that is to share our stories online and support each other financially when we can while practicing [social distancing](#).

**The Gift of Joy** is asking for submissions for its second newsletter, **Community Care Package**. The package will be published digitally on [thegiftofjoy.wixsite.com/communitycarepackage](https://thegiftofjoy.wixsite.com/communitycarepackage) as well as emailed to all those who subscribe to our newsletter. As this gains traction, we hope to help raise funds via this newsletter to donate needed materials to hospitals in addition to supporting families in need.

Submissions should respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its social and personal impact. The theme for this week's issue is: **Home Sweet Home**. Last week, we were grateful for the life and happiness around us. This week, we wanted to change it up and make it about the place you call home. What have you been doing to spend your time? What makes your home so comforting? What is home to you? Your work can take the following forms:

- Video/Film (vlogs, PSA's, short films, animations, etc.)
- Written work, including poetry, short stories, personal or political essays, or parts of a longer work
- Visual Art (drawings, paintings, photography, pictures of sculptures, cartoons, manga)

**Deadline for 3rd issue: April 30th, 2020**

### Poetry, Short Story, Essay Submission Guidelines

- Please include 1) Name of the author; 2) title of piece; and 3) a 3-5 sentence artist statement
- There is no length requirement or restriction. Editors will reach out about cuts if submissions are too long

### Visual Arts Submission Guidelines

- Artworks or photographs of artworks should be scanned using apps (such as Scannable or ScannerPro) and submitted as an image file
- Please include 1) Name of the artist; 2) title of artwork; 3) a 3-5 sentence artist statement

**SUBMIT ALL WORK HERE:** <https://bit.ly/communitycarepackage>

**Questions? Write to** [thegiftofjoy.ccp@gmail.com](mailto:thegiftofjoy.ccp@gmail.com)

*The Gift of Joy was founded by youth in Santa Clarita rooted in firm belief of community. Our focus is to build community power and spaces to heal and fight for what's right.*