

CALL FOR ARTISTS/ ART SUBMISSIONS:  
Good Shepherd Services Earth Month 2021 Virtual Gallery

**THEME**

Where We Are: A community commitment to and celebration of our Earth

**DESCRIPTION**

This year, Good Shepherd Services will be observing Earth Day for the entire month of April in honor of our collaboration with the Lenape Center NYC in developing our Living Land Acknowledgement, which will be introduced next week to GSS. From April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Mission and Culture department invites all staff and program participants to submit their artwork to GSS' Earth Month 2021 Virtual Art Gallery. This year's theme is: "*Where We Are: A community commitment to and celebration of our Earth.*"

The *Where We Are* virtual art gallery seeks to connect our commitment to acknowledging the land we live on with honoring Indigenous peoples and cultures and bringing awareness to our fight against climate change. As stated in our Living Land Acknowledgement, it is necessary to recognize our beginnings, history, and realities. We must respect that we are on the original homeland of the Lenape, Lenapehoking, and that there has been a history of atrocities and unjust actions against the Native people. We need to recognize the many challenging realities when continuing our collective work in healing and sustaining the Earth.

Our Living Land Acknowledgement also states: "honoring and respecting Mother Earth (Haki) is central to Lenape culture." This Earth Month, let us recognize the past, present, and future as we celebrate the planet we call home. The Earth offers us many gifts, inspiration, and wisdom. We can look to the Earth's cycles and seasons to better understand the Earth and our own ability of growth, healing, and resilience. This commitment to and celebration of the Earth is the core of how we want to respect Indigenous culture and people and the land that they first cared for.

The Mission and Culture department calls for artists to reflect on these sentiments for the *Where We Are* virtual art gallery combined with attention to your local surroundings, to New York City, to the country as a whole, and/or our entire planet. We invite all artists to use the theme, the description, and the GSS Land Acknowledgement as inspiration to create something original for GSS' Earth Month 2021 Virtual Art Gallery. **All mediums of art are accepted including visual, dance, music, film, poetry, photography, etc.** Please contact [mission\\_culture@goodshepherds.org](mailto:mission_culture@goodshepherds.org) for questions and/or concerns.

**More questions to consider when creating can include:**

How do we honor Indigenous Peoples or our ancestors who have come before us?

How can we listen more deeply to Mother Earth?

What promise or commitment can I make beyond Earth Day?

How can we extend our GSS values to our relationship with the earth?

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

All Good Shepherd Services Staff and participants, including students at community schools, over the age of 12 can submit to the Earth Month 2021 Virtual Art Gallery.

### **HOW TO SEND IN YOUR ART**

Please use the link provided below to fill out a media release form. AFTER you fill out the release form, email your submission(s) to [mission\\_culture@goodshepherds.org](mailto:mission_culture@goodshepherds.org). We accept PNG, JPG/JPEG, DOC/DOCX and MP4 files. We cannot accept submissions until the release form is filled out.

\*If you have multiple works you would like to submit, you must submit one form per submission (i.e., If you have a painting and a video of you dancing, you must submit the form once for your painting and again for your video).

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2R9JJP8>

### **WHERE IS THE VIRTUAL GALLERY?**

The virtual gallery will be linked to the main Good Shepherd Services website. A link to the virtual gallery will be released and live the second week of April and will be updated with submissions daily.

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS**

The Earth Month 2021 Virtual Art Gallery will be accepting submissions starting April 1<sup>st</sup> at midnight (EST) to April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:59PM (EST).

### **NO PURCHASE NECESSARY**

There are no fees or monetary exchanges required for you to submit your artwork. This is a completely free platform to publish your artwork.

### **QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?**

Good Shepherd Services Mission and Culture Department under the Anti-Racism and Equity Branch is hosting this event. This includes Celia Ceballos and Celina Chapman, along with major contributions from Dani DeLade, TIP Specialist for Community Based Program. All questions or comments should be directed to the email:

[mission\\_culture@goodshepherds.org](mailto:mission_culture@goodshepherds.org)