

*Reflections*  
**Brett**

At nine years old, the doctors diagnosed me with Infantile Autism along with developmental disabilities. My parents took me to different doctors seeking knowledge and ultimately means for me to live my life to the fullest.

I became a part of a group home and began attending the Hartselle Community Enrichment Center in 2002. At Volunteers of America, I was challenged to lead a more independent lifestyle. However, I cannot communicate with words, so my actions vocalize my needs, wants and overall emotions. I enjoy having my hands at work at all times, so the Enrichment Center had the idea to present me with markers and paper. In that very instant, my hands' new outlet produced artistic magic.