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Artist Statement

This book was created to highlight one of the many issues in low-income areas, a lack of resources. As this book focuses on a lack of resources, it has been crafted out of trash. I made this decision to show that although people may have a lack of resources that they are still capable of success. This “trash” has been upcycled into a story centered around the lack of resources in low-income areas such as children whom may never receive a wheelchair due to how costly they are. The example of the child not having a wheelchair is indicative of what many children with a wide range of “exceptionalities” face each day. The overarching goal of this project is to create an awareness of disability within these low-income areas. I have incorporated many tactile features in this piece to allow all to feel and enjoy. I purposely did not include words within this story as it can be limiting to the accessible of this work. A variety of textures and colors have been included to allowed ease when viewing. I have created this work to be touched. I want each of the textures to be experienced by the audience. Throughout this experience, my mind has expanded in ways that I would have never thought. I have not only learned about the ways society needs to change to become more accessible, but ways in which I can encourage this to happen.