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Compilation of Poems
Written By Individuals with Disabilities

HOME

Homes where I feel the safest and most loved
My mom is there in her garden, tending to
Her plants and uncle is helping with repairs
The smell of home cooked meals fills the air
Fried lupia, potato, and porocit
Unconditional love from my family is
What I hold close in my heart
Through hard times and good times
My family will be there
Me too, where my day now begins
Stuff help me day and night
Making me smile, my peers keep me company
Birthday parties and movie nights are my favorites to do

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Dennis Black

Joseph D.L. Camacho

Linda Cruz

Serena Gueverra

Rudy Jesus

Jo Ann Juaneza

Memorino Kintaro

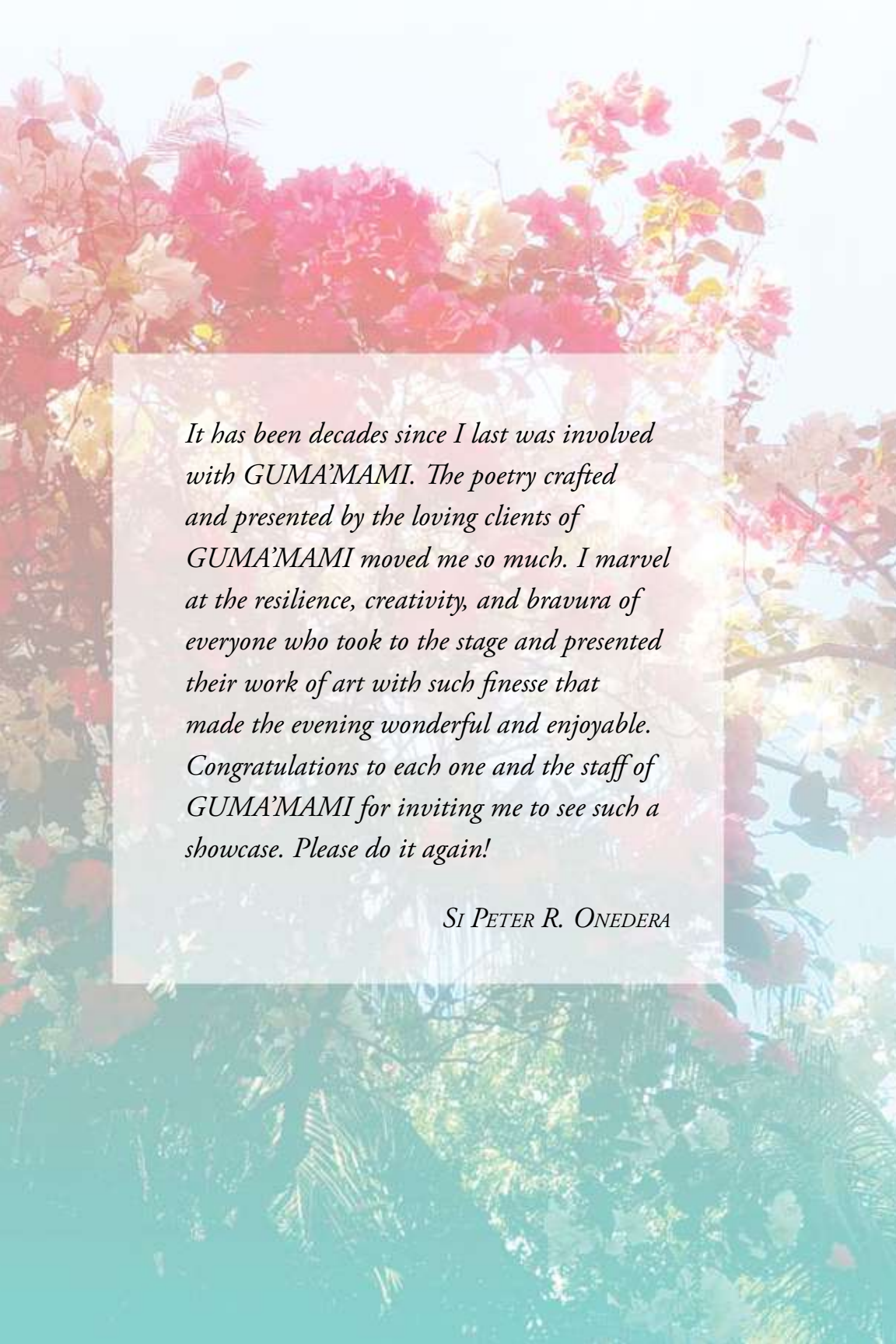
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It has been decades since I last was involved with GUMA'MAMI. The poetry crafted and presented by the loving clients of GUMA'MAMI moved me so much. I marvel at the resilience, creativity, and bravura of everyone who took to the stage and presented their work of art with such finesse that made the evening wonderful and enjoyable. Congratulations to each one and the staff of GUMA'MAMI for inviting me to see such a showcase. Please do it again!

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*In Memory of
Dennis Black and Ida Dilweyang*

*Your impact on our lives will never be forgotten...
A legacy of love, friendship, laughter, and joy*

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Close your eyes and imagine a white canvas, it's perfect. It's smooth, crafted with precision, and not a single blemish. But if you add a little paint and color, what was once "perfection" becomes a portrait. Our poets are the color that brightens the canvas. They give color in this black and white world.

Since November, this group has been working diligently to prepare this anthology for the public eye and most especially desired to share it with their loved ones. We have prepared, presented, and now have printed this final manuscript. What makes this project so unique is that our poets have been given the creative space to express themselves through their words. Yes, they have been given prompts but have made it their own. When reading this anthology, remember that these poets wrote with intention—to give color to the world of literature.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase,
Christiana Quichocho Palacios,
Editor



Hafa Adai!

I am writing to extend my sincerest congratulations on your poetry Booklet/Anthology. It's truly inspiring to see the Guma Mami individuals' dedication and creativity come to fruition in such a meaningful way.

The Council on Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA) is dedicated to providing support to individuals with disabilities on Guam, and we are especially proud to see their work and contribute to the vibrant artistic landscape of our island. Your publication not only showcases their talent but also enriches our community.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse,

Angie Taitague

Director,

Guam Council on the Art & Humanities Agency



Buenas yan Hafa Adai! On behalf of the Board of Director, we're thrilled to send our heartfelt congratulations to Guma Mami Inc. and the incredible community behind "I'mPerfection." This wasn't just a poetry showcase – it was a powerful celebration of voice, resilience, and the raw, beautiful reality of being human.

As you dive into these poems, you'll witness artists laying their hearts open, turning vulnerability into strength. They've created a space where every story matters, where every voice deserves to be heard. Their words cut through assumptions and remind us that perfection isn't about being flawless – it's about embracing who we truly are, disabilities and all.

To everyone who supported this amazing project and uplifted these artists, thank you. Your encouragement shows there's a real hunger for honest stories, diverse perspectives, and art that speaks truth to power. Let's carry the spirit of "I'mPerfection" with us far beyond this moment – every day, in everything we do. Together, we can keep elevating the voices of people with disabilities, challenge ableism wherever it hides, and build a world where everyone has the chance to shine.

Congratulations once again, and keep those words flowing!

Mayor Robert RDC Hofmann

President

The ImPerfection was so amazing. Everyone was great. Their poems, songs and dances were all wonderful. So natural, pure and innocent. Imperfection is perfect in their own way.

Jo Ann's poem made me emotional, teary eyed. It really showed how important her family is. I was amazed of her memory. Even though I loved and enjoyed all the presentations, for me she was the best. I'm so proud of Joan and grateful to attend such a one of a kind presentation. Congratulations to all and keep up the great work. Love you guys.

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OCEAN NOISES

I see fish and dolphins

I smell polluted water and air pollution

ocean noises

Eloy Benavente

Eloy Benavente is 59 years old. He loves going out, eating, and spending time with his family. His dream is to become independent so that he can live on his own. He is passionate about working so that he can make good money. Eloy is knowledgeable in politics and has strong opinions about what he believes a good leader should be. Eloy ensures that no matter what life throws at him, he will always get back up and come back stronger. Eloy describes himself as independent, hard-working, talkative, determined, and smart.

I AM POEM

I am Eloy Benavente
 I wonder if I can fly
 I hear Benavente
 I see a dog
 I want to work
 I am smart
 I pretend to be a Superman
 I feel the hot outside
 I touch little kitty
 I worry about my sister in Texas
 I cry when I am alone
 I am asking for help
 I understand A/C training
 I say good things about my friends
 I dream to buy a house in Guam
 I try to get help from the governor
 I hope someday I'll talk to the governor
 I am Eloy Benavente

OCEAN NOISES

I see fish and dolphins
 I smell polluted water and air pollution
 I hear the waves crashing, ocean noises
 I taste salt water
 I touch the coral

MONOLOGUE

I want to improve my motor skills
 Change his attitude
 Thanking you for coming here
 I miss my sister and the kids
 Family
 Go to see, thank you
 As soon as possible
 Paseo
 I want to say something about my future
 Thank you for protecting time
 On behalf of myself
 Thank you and my family – my auntie and her
 husband, my uncle
 For checking my health
 I like to non-spicy kimchi
 A big mac burger from Mangilao
 KFC
 Pizza Hut in Mangilao
 He wanted to go back
 Bingo, the two-story house
 To develop the crop, to sell, to help
 More money for more food and my needs

RESCUED ON TIME

Rescued on Time
 For saving my life – tv-medicine
 The good Lord for surviving
 I don't want to die
 I thank you for praying for me
 Fire station for coming on time
 "Are you alright?"
 "Yes, sir"
 For rescuing me when I fell down
 27th and July 4th
 May God Bless You All
 I wondered where he was – then I fell

GRATITUDE

I am asking for help
 All the things we are going
 I am thanking you for helping me
 I thank
 For the bowling alley
 I am thanking all those who ran for helping me out
 I am thankful for Guma Mami
 I am thanking the staff for buying me food
 I am thanking Public Health
 Be more independent
 Happy Thanksgiving for all the employees for the time
 He is in Guma Mami
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

ROOTS

Rain water from the blue drum outside
 Hot pepper
 They are helping me
 I thank you for your help
 My friends plenty
 Dededo, Mangilao, Malojloj
 Tuba family from Yigo
 Grandpa's house everyone was carrying
 Delivery from stomach

EVERYDAY JOYS

Deer hunting
 Raising baby piglets
 Billy goats
 Having lots of friends
 Go and see personnel
 My neighbors
 Living it up—following
 Vacuum the car
 Friendship
 Thankful since 2010
 I thank you
 Watching fish with my Santos family
 4-wheeler
 Thanking Him
 My sister

I want to learn how to cook for myself again
and go out some more.
I'm going to have friends all over the world.
I want to talk to mom on the phone again.
I want to
trees, I
My goal



Dennis Black

Dennis Black is 51 years old. He likes being called “kuya” especially by the different staff at Guma Mami Inc. His dream is to gain motivation so that he will be able to stand and walk. He receives support from the staff to be mobile and is grateful for their encouragement and aid with his mobility issues. He enjoys listening to music on his cell phone. When you get to know Dennis, you will realize how loving and humble he is as he enjoys conversing with his family and friends. He has a strong faith relationship and ensures that those whom he cares for feel his support and positive energy. He is passionate about the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council as they are in charge of ensuring people like Dennis receive the proper care and assistance. Dennis would describe himself as loving, kind, helpful, brave, and generous.

I AM POEM

I am Dennis Black
I wonder to be one
I hear the airplane, tv, music
I see dog and cat
I want to be a Superman
I am Dennis Black
I pretend to be a policeman
I feel the hand of a person
I give emotion to people
I worry about a job and a house
I cry to feel
I am Dennis Black
I understand a lot
I say that is good
I dream about the good in people
I try to be good person
I hope that life is a good
I am Dennis Black

HOME

Home, where I feel the safest and most loved
 My mom is there in her garden, tending to
 Her plants and uncle is helping with repairs
 The smell of home cooked meals fills the air
 Fried lumpia, puto, and pancit
 Unconditional love from my family is
 What I hold close in my heart
 Through hard times and good times
 My family will be there
 MCH, where my day now begins.
 Staff help me day and night
 Making me smile, my peers keep me company
 birthday parties and movie nights are my favorites to do.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Very special friends
 Awesome person
 Loving
 Entertaining
 Nice person
 Talkative
 Interesting conversation
 Never sad when with you
 Excellent
 Smart
 Delightful
 Always there
 You're GREAT

ASPIRATION

My goal is to help myself to learn about poetry.

I want to play piano with a teacher's help. My goal is to complete my poetry. I want to get better. I want to learn how to play guitar. I want to be healthy by eating a little bit better and exercise day and night. Listen to music all the time. Me and JJ want to go out and eat at Lonestar again. My mom visits me every two weeks. I watch TV, talk to the staff whenever I have problems, I talk to them about it.

I want to learn how to cook for myself again and go out some more. I'm going to have friends all over the world. I want to talk to mom on the phone again. I want to draw the ocean, the sun, the trees, the wind, the moon, and the stars. My goal is to complete the poem.

PHONE CONVERSATIONS

Listening on the cellphone

Talking to my mommy and friends

I like to live

I like cars

I like to be with girlfriends



Joseph D.L. Camacho

Joseph, who also goes by “Joker” or “Joey”, is 45 years old. Joseph has a love for the outdoors and creative arts. Some activities he enjoys are fishing, surfing, working, and doing arts and crafts. Joseph is an avid supporter of peace and unity as he greatly pushes for world peace being fundamental in society. Joseph is interested in astronomy, especially anything regarding space and star charting. Joseph describes himself as funny, dependable, hard-working, easy-going, multitalented, and a lover of history.

THE WALK

I walk on the sand, it's warm yet smooth.
The wind is cool, and the sun is hot.
I look at the ocean, and start to feel cool.
It puts me in a better mood.

BLESSING

I see with my heart, the light is my dark.
My breath is slow yet, I have control.
The walk is hard, yet I'm not far.
The New Year has arrived, I shall survive,
I may age but I remain the same.
Rebuild myself, so I can renew my health.
In time, you see this year with peace.
Help those in need.
Good time will be.

RELIEF

The land is vast, I'm here at last.
I feel the sun is the one. I walk alone on these
pebbles of stone.
The breeze is fine, this day is mine. Looking to the sky
the wind in my hair and my body is warm there.
No one here.
My breath fades, I hear the ocean
Pounding through the trees, making wind,
it helps me breathe. The air is slow as I
stand on my feet. Looking around I hear birds
Sing, today is a great day to be on this beach.



Linda Cruz

Linda Cruz is a 67 year old beauty. Linda is energetic and always knows how to make people laugh. She loves going shopping, especially to purchase magazines and bags. Her favorite restaurant is McDonalds. She enjoys dancing and brings joy to those around her. Linda loves dressing in the cowgirl aesthetic and imagines life in the Wild West. Her dream is to marry a cowboy and live happily ever after. Linda describes herself as passionate, happy, loud, good, and funny.

THE THINGS I LIKE

I like magazines

I like black tea

I like cowboys

I like houses

I like horses, I like cows

I like puppies

I like doggies

I like hats

THE ARCH

At McDonald's I see French fries, a Big Mac,
and a Diet Coke.

At McDonald's, I hear them make apple pie
and cookies.

At McDonald's, I can taste cake, sweet cake.

At McDonald's, I feel happy because I am happy.

At McDonald's, I smell the hamburger and coke
and I feel hungry.

I feel full because I got a lot because

I ate McDonald's food.

WESTERN WANTS

Bear is a puppy.

I want a bag.

I want to be a cowgirl with a cowboy.

I'm going to buy a horse and a ranch.

I'm going to buy a horse and a ranch.

The horse is gonna be white. The mall, getting mashed
potatoes, rice, coke, and boys.

Getting magazines, bags, coloring books, crayons, and
old books, pencils, and pens.

I need a horse and a cow, a hamburger, french fries, more
coke, and pies.

The cowboy will get a hamburger and a car.

The cowgirl will get a horse with a cat and a puppy, a tv,
a couch, chair, a bed, and a shower.



Serena Gueverra

Serena, who also goes by the nickname “Becky”, is 47 years old. Some things that Serena enjoys are mostly outdoor activities, especially walking, exercising, and hanging out at the beach. Serena is shy but social as she enjoys spending her time with the people around her. She loves to get to know people and share about herself. She believes human connections are significant because it is necessary to reflect about relationships of yourself and others. Serena is always open to trying and learning new things. Serena’s dream is to move to the United States as she longs to travel and explore around the world. Serena is passionate about life, especially nature and the beauty the world has to offer. She describes herself as nice, understanding, unpredictable, social but distant, and changing like a chameleon.

NEW YEAR

Living my life this New Year
 Moving forward to better days. All at peace and hope
 for one another, loving myself and making a difference
 And change in my life and those around all
 year, giving and sharing our thoughts, love,
 And joyful memories, but most of the time
 this new year is coming closer to God and
 spiritually live by the spirit of God.

This New Year
 To forgive one another
 Be thankful and happy
 Everyday thoughtful
 And free of stress
 And burden
 Loving and caring for those in need.

Always be grateful, content and satisfied
 Enjoy life with a smile
 More love, sharing and caring
 Joy, laughter and live life
 With peace and hope all year.

LOVE IS

I'm a diamond and I'm rare
 Beautiful like the colors of the
 Rainbow, it's hard to find love if its
 not meant to be
 Love is more
 than you know, what it's worth
 Before you know, money can't buy that you know
 Me, happiness I think of the ones
 I miss. The most I feel so far
 Like the stars and skies
 I look closer to the sky I
 Wish I could see far beyond the galaxies,
 Maybe I'll find love that's meant
 To be.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Carol
 Holiday Hooray – Hallelujah Hooray
 Riding reindeer – Rudolf red nose
 Icy ice
 Slip slide – Sugar spice
 Tossing turn
 More merry
 Apricot apple – Arch angels above
 Santa's slay – Shining star

THATS JUST ME

I'd rather be fishing most any time

In the wet rain or the hot sunshine, hearing the wind
blow in my ears

Smelling the

Tasting it +

Tasting the

Oh how nice

I'd rather be

I'd rather be



Rudy Jesus

Rudy Jesus is 72 years young. He goes by “Ruru” or “Pops.” He enjoys listening to music, going on strolls, and being outdoors. Rudy loves baseball caps and owns a collection of them. A fun fact is that Rudy is fluent in CHamoru and an avid jokester. He is passionate about outdoor adventures and likes to just feel the sun on his skin. He also just enjoys living life and eating real good food. Rudy describes himself as strong, passionate, loving, caring, and curious. He just wants to be happy and laugh!

I AM RUDY

I am Rudy

I wonder

I hear girls

I see the table

I want a pancake

I am incredible

I pretend to shoot a toy gun

I feel my stomach

I touch my chair

I worry about my heart

I cry about that boxing game

I am Batman

I understand everything

I say little fish

I dream about fishing

I try to become better

I am Chamorro nai!

THAT'S JUST ME

I'd rather be fishing most any time
 In the wet rain or the hot sunshine, hearing the
 wind blow in my ears.
 Smelling the fish as it flies through the air
 Tasting it through the air

Tasting the salt on my tongue
 Oh how nice, oh how fun
 I'd rather be fishing can't you see
 I'd rather be fishing that's just me

WITH RUDY

I like to smoke
 I like to eat
 I like to clown
 I like my feet
 I like to joke
 I like to run
 I like to talk
 Because it's fun
 I like to fish
 I like to wish
 I like to bar-b-que chicken and fish
 I like to stroll
 I like to roll
 I like to go to the North Pole
 I like to loot
 I like my boot
 I like any gun to shoot
 I like a ring
 I like to sing
 I like my crown because I'm a king

*I am proud that I was able to participate and help
bring these wonderful poems to our local community.
I realized right away how much depth and simple
truths were expressed in each poem I read; truths
that many of us in our daily lives overlook or don't
appreciate. The poets themselves are the real stars
and it was wonderful to help recite their words and
immortalize their truth.*

MICHAEL CASTRO
VOLUNTEER POET

CAN'T WAIT

A new year, a new start
Making the best memories with IGH
Staff and my peers
Focusing on my health to be stronger
Spending time out on T-rides, going
to the beach to enjoy the waves
Going out to the restaurants for delicious
foods and sweets
This year is going to be great
2025 I can't wait to see
What's in store



Jo Ann Juaneza

Jo Ann Juaneza also known as “JJ” or “Jo.” She is 47 years old. She enjoys dancing and listening to music. At first Jo Ann may seem timid, but when she becomes familiar with you, she is not hesitant to compliment you or share her thoughts. Jo Ann dreams to fly on the airplane and go on vacation with her family to see her stateside family members. She is passionate about the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) as they help in getting information out to the public regarding people who have disabilities. Jo Ann believes that GDDC helps to make lives better. She also has a passion for the Guam Special Olympics because it helps her to get active and be more social with the community. Jo Ann describes herself as charming, funny, helpful, joyful, and upbeat.

JUST A GIRL

I am JJ
 I wonder if you wanna ride to Jupiter, to the sky someday
 I hear about people in the room being nice to me
 I see my heart
 I want to fly to Jupiter someday
 I am going to play baseball.
 I pretend to be a famous artist
 I feel good
 I touch the pencil
 I worry about my medicine
 I cry when I don't belong here
 I am a girl
 I understand the people around Guam
 I say welcome to Guam
 I dream candy canes around Guam
 I see boys and girls with the same relationships
 I hope everyone is nice
 I am a pretty girl in the world to be

MEMORIES IN THE SAND

Salty air kissing my skin as I feel.
 The warm sun on my face.
 Laughter fills my head as a gaze into
 the water watching people splash around.
 Birds in the sky flapping their wings.
 Sand on my feet as I eat my delicious musubi
 with diet coke.
 Sweat on my nose and salt in my hair.
 I love the beach.

WONDER

Dear everyone,
 I live in a nice house to live in.
 It's very easy to be there.
 I think of myself, my mom, and dad.
 I think of them being beside me at the end of the day.
 I am on my own but my situation makes me think
 I think of being elsewhere and come back to live
 elsewhere
 I want a nice family and be in a home where I have a
 nice relationship
 This morning I ate rice with eggs
 I want to go and watch myself and see them too
 because I don't know if they eat
 I have amenities that I want to ask and aunties I want
 to see
 I want to be in the house too

MY HOME

My home is here
 My conscious is still at Guma Mami house
 Not everyone is the same as me
 My world belongs to me
 Different on the sides of the world
 I'm here, I'm not there
 My memory changes
 My brother
 Another situation
 I was a sick baby
 He couldn't figure it out
 It's not his fault
 His responsibility to his heart
 Because mom and dad had to go
 It's okay because this is my house

DREAMS

I want to ride the elephants in India, someday
 There's plenty states to go, like Florida
 I want to move somewhere because the house is too
 small to fit
 I want to travel to the Philippines, I came from there
 I came from Iloilo, my aunt went there
 I want the airplane to connect me to my flight and I only
 have one luggage
 When the airplanes land and we went to an airport.
 It's a connection.

HOBBIES

I like to do chores on my own
I like shopping and talking with friends
I like to eat bologna and cheese with bread
I like to take care of my bird because I love my
bird so much

THIS IS ME

I am not perfect
I am myself; everything I am, is because my family
I love myself
My eyes, my hair, my body
I love the way my smile is and the way
I laugh
I am not sorry for how I am
Because I love myself
I am all I've got
This is me

SPIRIT

Children Cheering
Houses filled with hums
Rocking out to Rudolf
In the spirit
Spending time with smiles
Together with love
Making memories
Around the tree
Singing songs

Easter Eggs
Arranging Art
Shining Smiles
Tasting Treats
Exciting Egg Hunt
Really Fun

CONNECTIONS

Friends, happy, friendship
Sleepy
All the people from Guma Mami are very special to me
And this year
Home
My neighbor's house, my relatives
Connections, poetry
Special Olympics practice again
Getting to go outside to read
Eat good and delicious food, take more
Pictures for memories



Memorino Kintaro

Memorino Kintaro likes to be called “Memo.” He is 19 years old. Something that you will never forget about Memorino is his love for cars, more so older model cars especially the 2002 Toyota 4Runner. Memorino dreams to make money so that he may invest in older model cars and a big house to put toy cars inside. Memorino enjoys learning karate through the Marianas Open. Memorino mentions that the Marianas Open has helped to instill discipline and respect. The Guam Special Olympics is an event that Memorino enjoys as he is able to exercise and have fun. Memorino describes himself as bold, eager, strong-headedstrong, and independent. He also wants everyone to know that he loves Guma Mami Home because it is his home too.

I AM MEMO

I am MK memo
 I wonder if I want to stay at Guma Mami
 I hear me
 I see GCC – Guam Community College
 I want to attend GWHS – George Washington High
 School
 I send love to three teachers
 I pretend I am Mr. Tudela
 I feel like I am Ms. Bamba
 I touch Ms. Kidd’s heart
 I worry about money
 I cry seeing costumes of old police black clothes
 I love karate, Marianas Open, black clothes
 I understand I want to get more money
 I say 2000 Toyota Runner
 I dream of the 2002 Nissan Pathfinder
 I try to think of the Mitsubishi Outlander 2000
 I hope to have a Isuzu Rodeo 1991
 I am a Isuzu Trooper 1984

OLD FAV CARS

Toyota 4 Runner 2000	GMC Suburban 1980
Toyota Land Cruiser 1960	GMC Jimmy 1980
Toyota FJ Land Cruiser 1960	Chevrolet Sub 1981
Toyota Cruiser Mega 1999	GMC pickup truck 1980
Toyota Hilux 1978	GMC Jimmy 1983
Toyota Tacoma 1995	Superior Station Coach 1963
Nissan Pathfinder 2001	Ward Station Coach 1963
Nissan Frontier 2000	Wayne Station Coach 1963
Nissan Xterra 1999	Thomas Station Coach 1963
Roverland 1948	Blue Bird station coach 1963
Rover Range 1970	Hot wheel old cars
Chevrolet Blazer 1979	Matchbox old cars
Chevrolet Suburban 1979	Jam monster old
Chevrolet Blazer 1983	monster vehicle
Chevrolet 520 Blazer	Legoland
Chevrolet pickup truck 1979	

DREAM CAR

2005 Toyota Forerunner all-wheel drive
 My favorite car
 I want
 Black and silver
 Cars
 Dump truck, school bus
 My mom is going to buy me my favorite car when I ask
 Black is my favorite color
 I want to drive to Yigo to see the buses



Michael Manalo

Michael Manalo is 21 years old. He is also known as “Mikey.” Some things that Michael enjoys are singing and dancing to his favorite songs. At this moment, he does not have a set dream, but he longs to see his family. According to Michael, he likes Guma Mami because they help him to make friends. Michael describes himself as goofy, clumsy, cheerful, helpful, and caring.

STRONG SPIRIT

Christmas Cheer
 Happy Holidays
 Rudolf the red nose reindeer
 Igloos around
 Sounds of laughter
 Trees shining bright
 Merry and bright
 All my family together
 Sharing Christmas cheer
 Nice
 Everyone smiling
 Watching Fireworks
 Yelling Yahoo!
 Eating good food
 Altogether now
 Rocking round
 Singing songs

*It made me want to swim, dance, and get out.
Getting to share about my hobbies and home.*

MICHAEL MANALO

THINGS I LIKE

We can stay home

At a slow pace

Fast and furious

DOM race!

Go! Go! Go!

Lunch is served

Favorite meals at a sale price

I'm going to enjoy my chili with beans and rice



Tommy Joe Perez

Tommy goes by the name “Tommy Joe” or any nicknames with his name “Tommy.” He is 44 years old. Tommy has an interest in crime and law themed elements. He enjoys reading and researching stories, fairytales, and conspiracy theories. Crime television shows are his favorite things to watch. Because of his interest in the law and crime, Tommy enjoys discussion topics themed along the lines of slander, crime, corruption, and accusations. Tommy is not shy when voicing his opinion about these matters. At this moment, he plans to be successful and keep his promises. Tommy would describe himself as quiet but talkative, serious, fun, honest, and extremely dedicated.

OWN IX HI TNT

I am certain
 I wonder around
 I heard voices of people
 I see people
 I want peace
 I am flawed
 I pretend to be happy
 I feel stuck, trapped
 I touch the past with a pen
 I worry I am wrong
 I cry, they might think I am involved
 I am the researcher
 I understand because of my true stories
 I say it all if I am sure, it's the truth
 I dream I never see the faces pretending
 I try to be understanding
 I hope I can forgive the heavens
 I am forsaken

STD L

To live life is all we have
 Time can mostly just face past
 Caught up in the moments of everlast
 So, time backs its proper canvas
 In the light of its eternal pro class
 In the most explicitness too
 To make any sense and your unaware
 Tangled between a surprise turns of obviousness
 Becomes a bigger unexpected direction
 Why must there be complications
 Strength, control, determination, honesty
 To contemplate naturally
 To make it a clear vision
 That is of some kind contention
 Your effort is stream of consciousness

LOYABNE

Time, who knew it can be known
 For a long while loneliness tends
 Will you?
 Within it is all we have
 Make it the best and hope it lasts
 In the end time will tell
 That's all I do. Now that's the kind
 Without me there is no time



Anthony Yager Quichocho

Anthony Yager Quichocho is 18 years old at heart but 37 years old strong. He goes by the name “Varms” or “Varm” as it is sentimental to him, being a nickname given by his mother. His favorite hobbies include skateboarding and swimming. He is into rock music aficionado and often shares praise for his favorite band—A Fire Inside. In the future, Varms wants to be able to obtain a good job so that he can provide a good home and food on the table for his family and loved ones. He is very supportive of his friends and open minded to what people have to say. He greatly appreciates those around him. Varms would describe himself as clever, charming, funny, friendly, and smart.

I AM VARMS

I am Anthony Yager
 I wonder what the next day will bring
 I hear a skateboard under my feet going downhill
 I see pizza, a pepperoni pizza
 I want a skateboard
 I am Anthony Yager
 I pretend that I live in the biggest mansion on Earth
 I feel enthusiastic
 I touch Laney Miller's face
 I worry about my skateboard breaking
 I cry, I don't cry
 I am a skateboarder
 I understand my feelings in my heart
 I say a lot of things about my mom, Mona
 I dream a lot of good stuff going to happen
 I try gaping 10 stairs
 I hope one day, I will have the best pizza
 I am Anthony Yager

CALI VACATION

Hollywood California, a wonderful place
The image so spectacular, I see
Beautiful homes, ocean, the Hollywood sign
Skateboarders on the pavement, animals
In the hills with their cries of joy
Warm sun on my skin, sprays with salt
Hitting my skin and my nose fills
With the scent of flowers, I feel the
Grass beneath my feet.
Taste of lunch on my tongue
Big juicy Big Mac and ice-cold root beer

MY GIRL

She is pretty, she is fun
With eyes as blue as the sky
Long straight yellow, blonde hair
With a smile as bright as the night stars
My Laney Miller

VISIONS

First job, pay for my house, I don't
Want people to be scared of my hands,
Want my first girlfriend on Guam, meet her
at church, want my first dog and I want
It to be a rottweiler and it to be black
I want my first car, and I want it to
Be a black jeep. I want to get into
Baseball, 3rd base position. I want to buy
A motorcycle blue Yamaha 180

RIPPING PAVEMENT

Skateboarding down the hill
Wind in my face and hair
360 flips, kick flips and hard flips till my knees hurt
DC shoes on my feet
Gripping the tape on the board
Brad Pitt, my favorite skater
Making Osiris boards to shred the pavement

MY DREAM PIZZA

My Dream Pizza

Flaky soft buttery crust

Seasoned with Italian seasoning and stuffed with cheese

Delicious red sauce spread all over the top

Creamy mozzarella cheese

Crispy thick slices of pepperoni

Baked to golden brown and gooey

Perfection

Sliced and shared with all

Yummy pizza

PERFECT WEATHER

Cartersville Tennessee, I love because it didn't snow
that much

And had a lot of hikes which you can go fishing on

And in the winter, you can go ice skating

Snowmobiles ride through snow

I like the states because it has rivers and ponds

That you can go fishing on and in the winter you can

Go ice skating and it's really fun

TIME TOGETHER

Cards
 Happy New year
 Reindeers
 Ice covered roads
 Snow days
 Timeless memories
 Mom and Dad laughing
 All my friends together
 Spreading Christmas cheer
 Happy Halloween
 Artistic Appreciation
 Lots of Laughter
 Lots of large candy
 Outrageous outfits
 Woods of wonder
 Everyone eating
 Excitement everywhere
 Next year, new outfit

SEE YOU IN THE FAST LANE

Motorcycles are the best to me
 For their quick speed
 And their off bad capability
 You can go off a jump
 And go racing
 It all depends on the motorcycle you got
 Like say you have a dirt bike
 Then you must like to go off badly
 Or you have a street bike
 And go street cycling
 I like to race
 So, I'm gonna get my motorcycle sometime this year
 And it will be a PW180
 That's how fast my motorcycle will go
 And I'm just gonna take it crushing
 Yo

MOMMA

My mother is special, more than a friend
Whenever I need her, she is there giving me a hand
Memories of power wheel monster truck
Driving with a smile on face and 10 in my hair
I love my mom, so beautiful and kind

*Fun awesome, and I enjoyed working with people
that were familiar to me it made me feel more
comfortable and I would definitely do it again.*

ANTHONY QUICHOCHO

I enjoyed the fact I was able to share with others and express my emotions and the opportunity to have my poems published.

JOSEPH D. L. CAMACHO

I enjoyed the process and time to think and the ability to express myself. I liked the challenge of putting my feelings into words.

I enjoyed being with a group of people doing it together. Also hearing the other people's poems and how they make it into their art. I also like when they read their poems, I can visualize it. It may be different from their thoughts but it's nice and beautiful to be part of.

SERENA GUEVERRA

Working and learning about poems taught me that I am able to speak my mind in my own way; Showing everyone that I am how I am because of the people in my life. Getting the chance to go up and use my voice felt good and brought me so much joy and excitement. Showing my talent to my friends and family gave me more power to myself.

JO ANN JUANEZA

I like sharing with others about my interest in cowboys. The poetry helped me to put my words on paper to share with people. Poetry makes me feel that everything is okay.

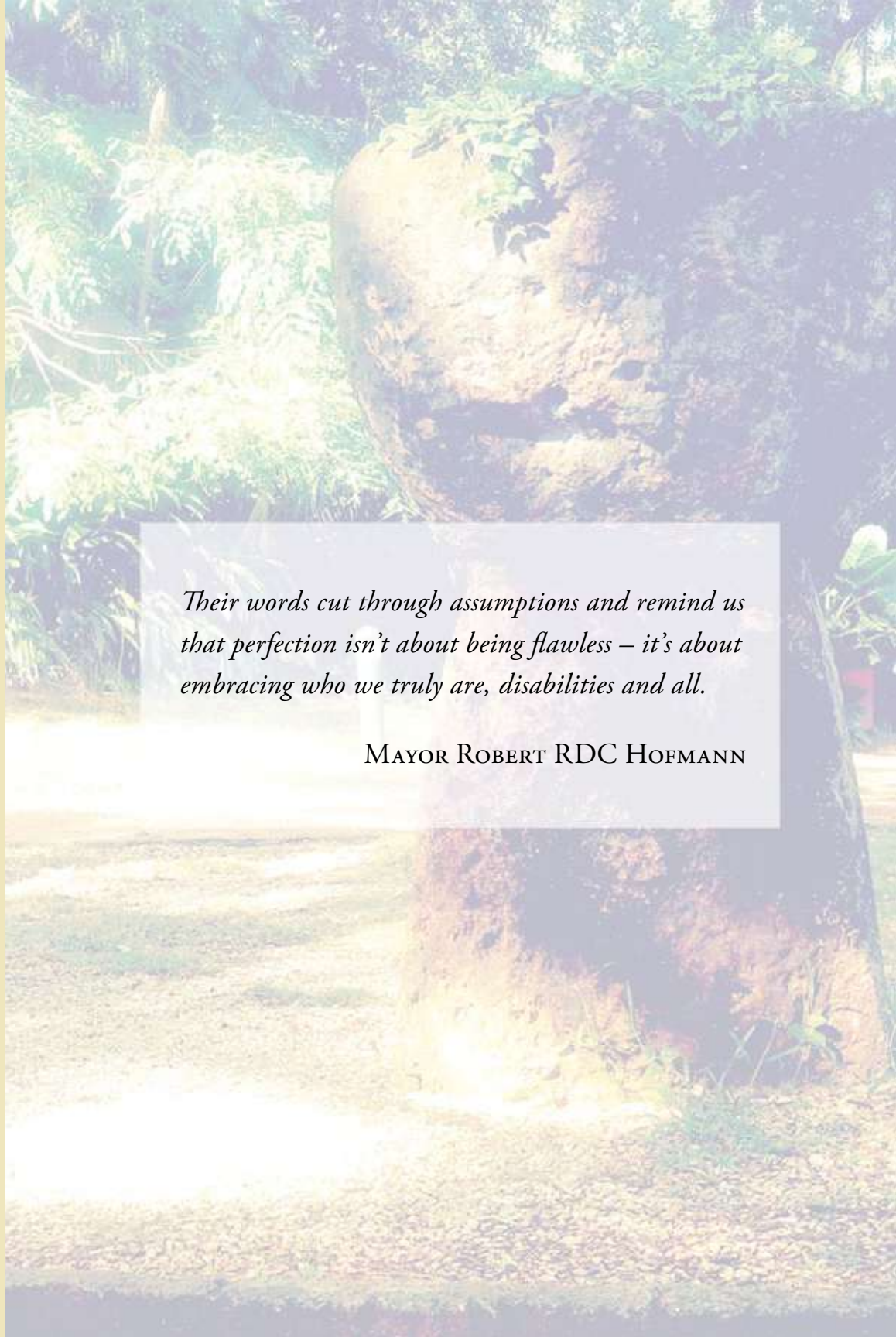
LINDA CRUZ

The preparation and the production itself was a great experience. Hearing, seeing, and watching the different types of art was a big blessing.

GABRIELLE QUICHOCHO
VOLUNTEER CHOREOGRAPHER/DANCER

Being part of imPERFECTION inspired me to embrace who I am and learn to see myself in a more positive light. The poets taught me that there is strength in vulnerability, courage in silliness, and perfection in all of us.

MAYA TAITANO
VOLUNTEER POET



Their words cut through assumptions and remind us that perfection isn't about being flawless – it's about embracing who we truly are, disabilities and all.

MAYOR ROBERT RDC HOFMANN

The poetry show put on full display the creativity, resilience, and incredible talents of individuals with disabilities. Each poet took the stage with confidence and courage, sharing pieces that reflected their unique experiences of triumphs and tribulations, hopes and fears, dreams and realities! Their words touched hearts and reminded us all of the power of self-expression.

It was not only a showcase of talent but also a testament to what can be achieved when individuals with disabilities are supported and encouraged. Thanks to the sponsors, volunteers, and staff for ensuring necessary supports for the poets to flourish and shine!

At Guma Mami, we hold firmly to the belief that individuals with disabilities possess remarkable skills and talents. When given the right support and resources, they don't just participate—they thrive. This poetry show was a shining example of that truth, and we look forward to continuing to create platforms that uplift and celebrate every voice in our community.

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