

“Who Cares?” by P. Dubroof at Riverworks Art Center



“Who Cares?” is a series of painted portraits that honors caregivers and their gracious generosity as they support the community.

Caregivers are so important in our society but often get overlooked. Professional caregivers are typically low wage earners, their jobs are not glamorous, and they are often recent immigrants to the US. Caregivers, by and large, are a diverse and international group. Family caregivers provide services for free and are often unprepared and untrained in the field. It is important to document the experiences, perspectives, and lessons from these diverse individuals to accentuate their value and contributions to our community.

Over the past 35 years that Patricia Dubroof has worked in the field of aging and creativity, she has met hundreds of caregivers. She paints the “Who Cares?” portraits of caregivers that leave a visual impression on her mind. In the studio, they take on new forms as paintings on canvas, paper, or wood. Patricia creates these portraits to honor each caregiver and their uniqueness.

Supported by a 2023 Maryland State Arts Council Creativity Grant, Patricia is learning more about caregivers by conducting interviews with both family and professional caregivers. Nominate your favorite caregiver using [this form](#).

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