

TRANSFORMING THE LIMITS

Learning from People with Cognitive Disabilities and their families



IMAGES THAT HAVE TRANSFORMED THE LIMITS OF UNDERSTANDING:



The AIDS Quilt
From Grief and Loss to Healing

The Dinner Party
From the Unknown to the Celebrated



The Vietnam Memorial
From the Political to the Personal

What images will transform the limits of our understanding about Cognitive Disabilities?

THE LIFE JOURNEY PORTRAIT® PROCESS

CONNECTING

Artists and health professionals form Life Journey Portrait Teams



COCREATING

People with cognitive disabilities and their families explore their lives through imagery and stories with Life Journey Portrait Teams



CHANGING

ART - Life stories revealed in images for exhibitions in communities across America.

SCIENCE - Life stories investigated for research, publication, and technology applications.



~ OUTCOMES ~

INDIVIDUALS & THEIR FAMILIES
uncover new meanings in their lives

SOCIETY
is positively affected – paving the way for social and political change regarding cognitive disability

PROFESSIONALS
form interdisciplinary teams creating new understandings of cognitive disability for a variety of purposes

TECHNOLOGY
matches the realities of the lives of people with cognitive disabilities.

Illuminated Lives: Previous Life Journey Portraits

"Things that never crossed my mind to tell came spilling out..."
Ariel



"It is a special experience to have someone show that much compassionate interest...It was helpful to see my story in a new light...You have touched me... I have changed."
Nuri

"I deeply appreciated getting to tell my story... slowly... being able to reflect on the events that have brought me where I am today."
Saril



"It is not likely that posterity will fall in love with us, but not impossible that it may respect or sympathise; and so a man would rather leave behind him the portrait of his spirit than a portrait of his face."
Robert Louis Stevenson, 1891-1922