

# JEMfriends

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## Call for Art

**Event Date: March 27th, 6:30pm**

### Overview

JEMfriends is a nonprofit organization that provides housing and support services to youth who have aged-out of foster care or are experiencing other at-risk situations like homelessness. The youth we serve are between the ages of 18-24.

### *The Art of Becoming*

#### ***A Curated Gallery for Aging Out Awareness Month***

JEMfriends invites our community to submit artwork for The Art of Becoming, a curated gallery and silent auction exploring the beauty, pain, and complexity of becoming an adult, especially when that journey begins without a safety net.

Through storytelling, paintings, poetry, photography, performance, and more, this event will illuminate the realities faced by all people, especially youth aging out of foster care and other at-risk living situations and celebrate the strength, creativity, and resilience within each story.

### Why This Matters

In Idaho, youth aging out of foster care face significant barriers:

- 53% do not have a high school diploma or GED by age 19
- 43% experience homelessness
- 37% face incarceration
- 33% are unemployed

Your art helps our community see these realities and understand the courage behind every step toward adulthood.

### Who Can Submit:

- Anyone passionate about this topic.

## What We're Looking For:

All mediums are welcome, including:

- Paintings, drawings, mixed media
- Poetry, spoken word, short stories
- Photography or digital art
- Music, performance, or movement pieces
- Sculpture or 3D work
- Live art for the event or live portraits

## Theme:

"Becoming"

Your interpretation is welcome. Consider identity, resilience, belonging, adulthood, hope, struggle, or anything that reflects the journey of becoming an adult or what was meaningful/impactful to you during this transition.

## Event Details

The Art of Becoming - An Awareness Event and Fundraiser

March 27, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: TBD

Selected pieces will be displayed during the event, which includes youth performances, and presentations from community partners. Art can be dropped off at the JEMfriends office prior to the event.

## Submission Details

**\*All ideas must be approved before submitting. This is a curated gallery.**

- Deadline for ideas: February 25th
- Once approved, deadline for submission: March 11th
- How to submit ideas: Email [alexis@jemfriends.org](mailto:alexis@jemfriends.org)
- Size or format guidelines: No bigger than 3'x5'.
- This is a family-friendly event, we ask that art submissions be respectful of different age groups and people groups.
- Anonymous display options available.
- Artists may choose to keep their piece, or donate it to the silent auction.

If you're unsure whether your idea fits, reach out. We'd love to support you!

Your story matters. Your art matters.

Help our community understand the journey of becoming and the strength it takes to step into adulthood.

Questions or submissions:

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