



The Josephine Herrick Project

What I See SNACK NYC Spring 2019









Through its free photography programs, the Josephine Herrick Project (JHP) works to transform the lives of individuals facing social, physical, and economic barriers in life. We partner with schools, human service agencies, health care facilities, libraries, and community organizations to deliver customized and hands-on digital photography courses taught by professional photographers.

For JHP participants, the camera is a transformative tool, helping individuals build self-confidence and visual literacy, think creatively and critically, engage actively with their communities, tell their own stories, and advocate for themselves, effecting change in their own lives and the world around them.

JHP was established in 1941 by pioneering photographer Josephine Herrick (pictured left) to teach photography to wounded service personnel returning from World War II. Since then, our programs have expanded to serve a variety of marginalized and vulnerable communities for whom photography provides a way to share their stories with a wider audience.

About this Project

In partnership with SNACK*, the Josephine Herrick Project taught an 8-week photography course to young adults with Autism spectrum disorders. Students learned how to operate a digital camera and compose images that tell a story. Each week, students were issued a new photographic challenge (colors, lines, a favorite object) and ventured out into their midtown community with their cameras in hand. The images presented here showcase the students' best work and tells a little story about each of the artists. For many individuals with Autism spectrum disorders, verbal communication is challenging. Photography provides a visual outlet that allows these students to express themselves, communicate their creative ideas, and show us what the world looks like through their eyes.



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The mission of SNACK*, a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, is to fill a void in the lives of children, teens, and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other similar developmental and behavioral disabilities by providing after-school and weekend recreational programs designed and staffed to address their needs. SNACK* also provides prevocational training and supported employment opportunities. Our mission is accomplished by establishing activity programs that offer a variety of group and individual activities to provide these children with the help they need to thrive – the opportunity to make friends, improve skill levels, build confidence, work, and participate in activities that typical kids do everyday and have some fun.

At SNACK*, children of ALL abilities are welcome including those with no diagnosis. ALL SNACK* activities are open to the general public.



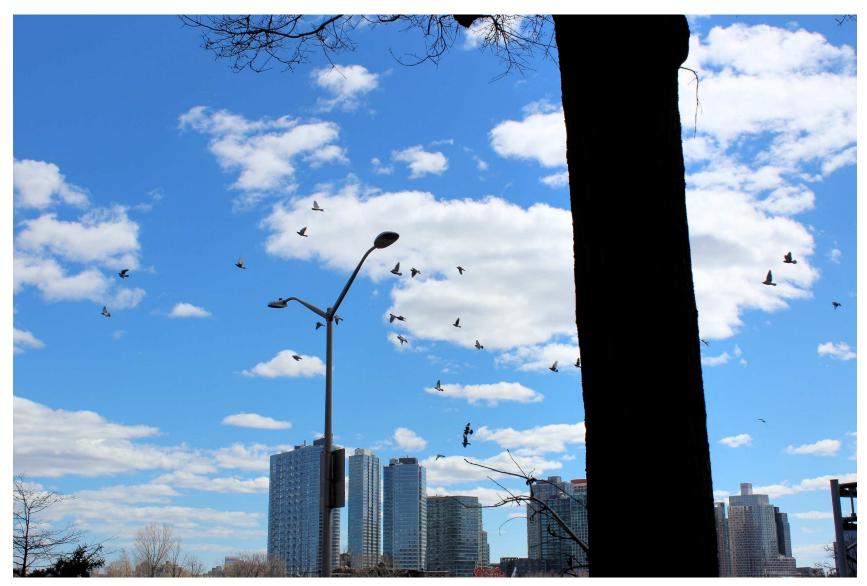
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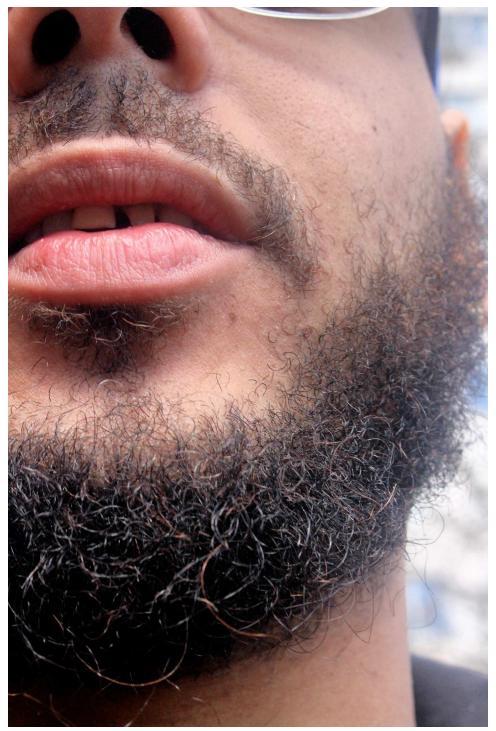
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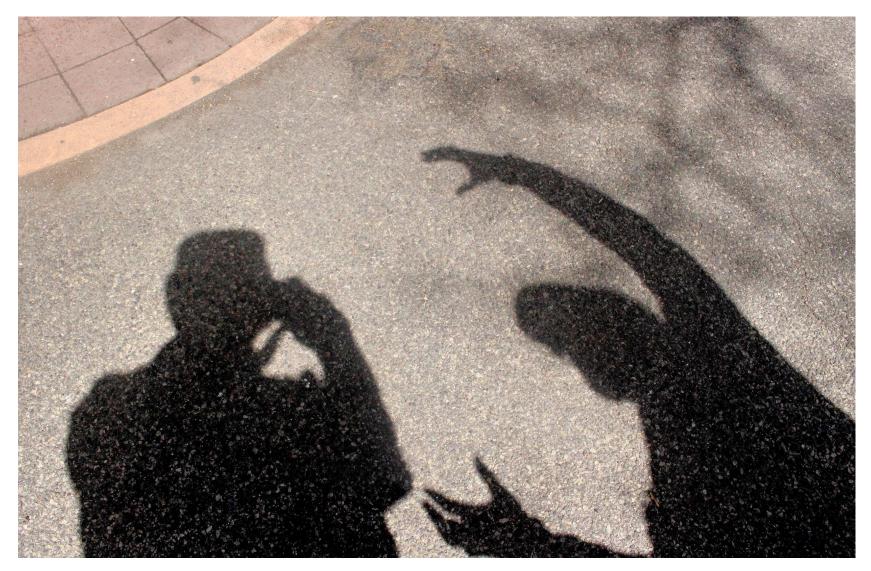


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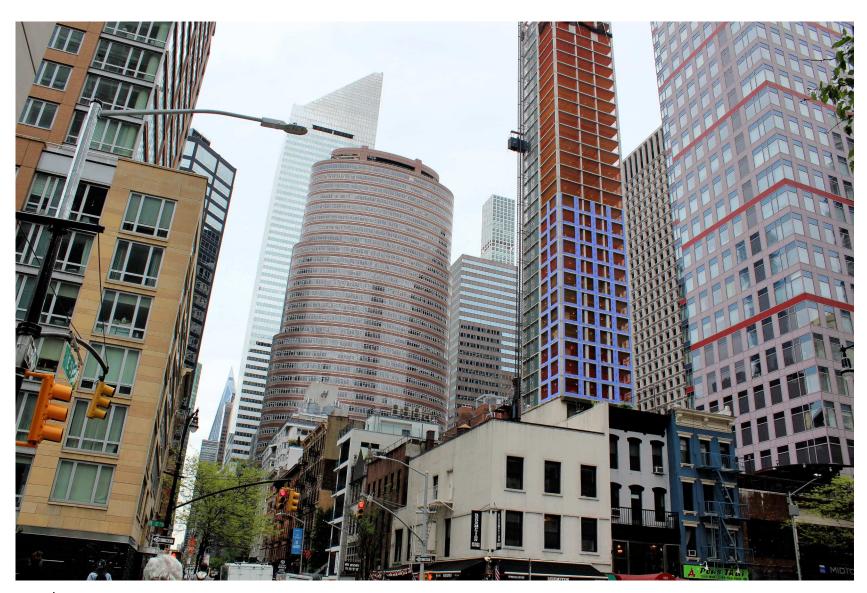




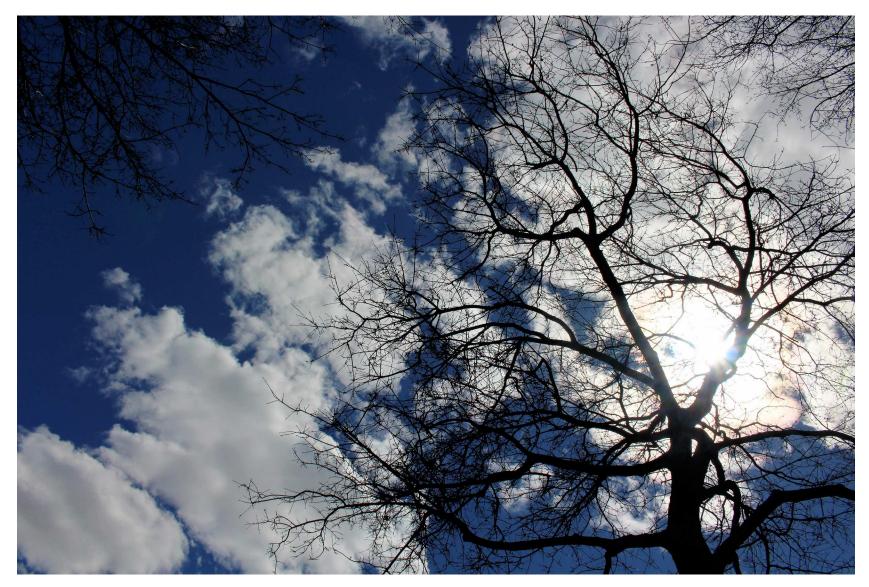
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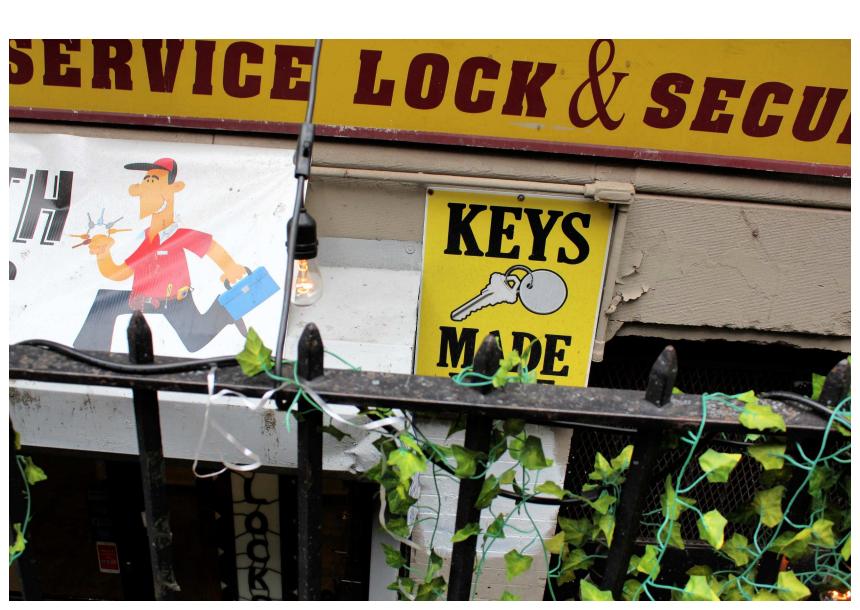
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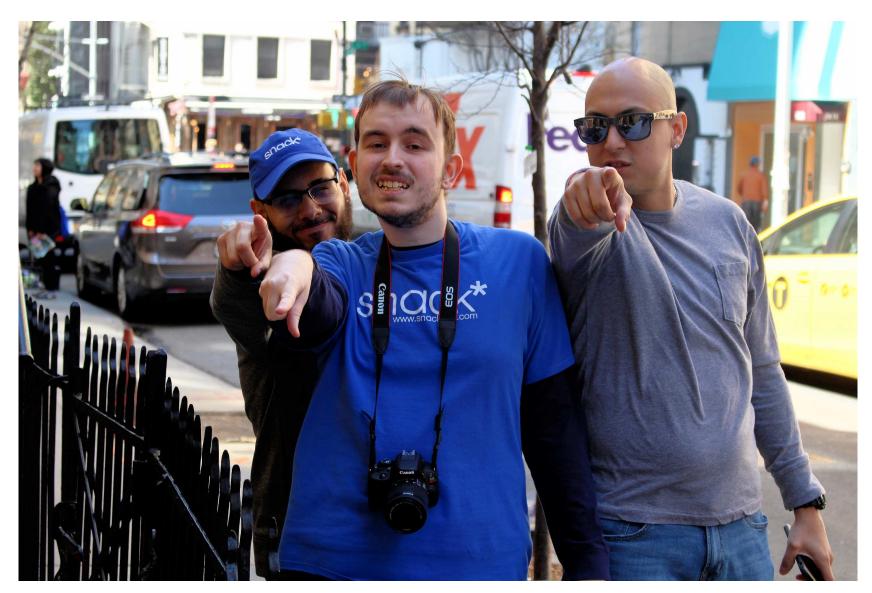
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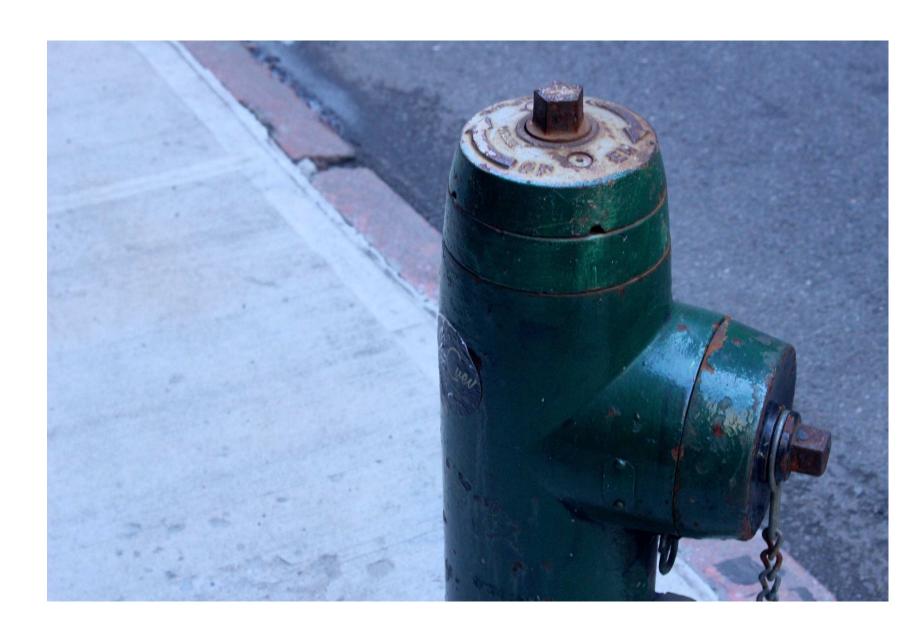
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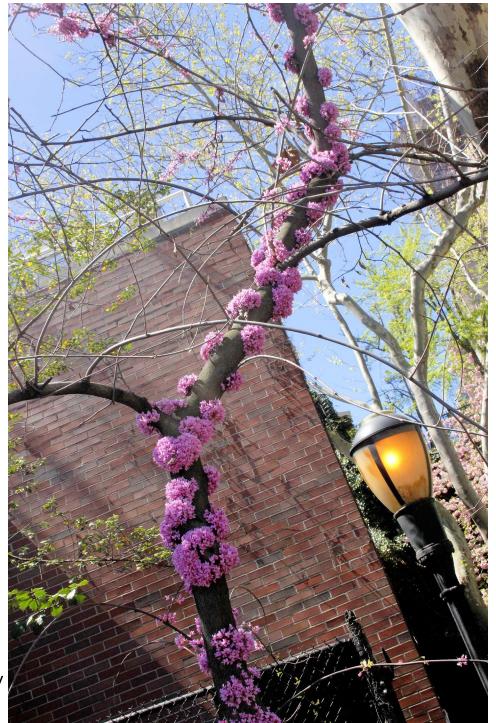




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