

# WORK OF ART

## PUBLIC STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENT

### *Loneliness, Isolation & Social Distancing*

*In direct consultation with a mental health professional, and under the creative guidance of Inner-City Arts staff, our Work of Art student employees and alumni (called "Enterprisers") have been commissioned to create a catalog of Public Service Announcements (PSAs) across a range of mental health and wellness topics. Through both digital and print formats, student-employees design these PSA ads for the benefit of fellow young people and those who care about them—families and educators—to inspire hope, positivity, optimism, peace, and encouragement. The work is candid, joyful, informative, loving, earnest, animated, optimistic, outspoken, and offbeat in an artistic way. Above all, we lovingly call these "Public Student Announcements" because they are messages for young people created by young people.*

**Loneliness** is a feeling of sadness or distress about being by yourself or feeling disconnected from the world around you. It may be felt more over a long period of time. It is also possible to feel lonely, even when surrounded by people.

**Isolation** is being separated from other people and your environment. Sometimes this occurs through decisions we make ourselves or because of circumstances such as doing a job that requires travel or relocation.

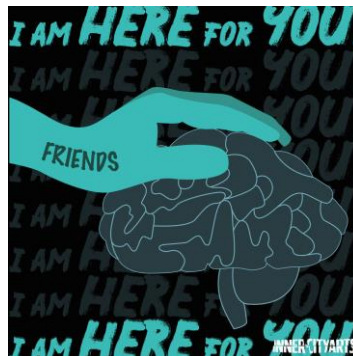
**Social and physical distancing** is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness.



#### **BOZ & FACING LONELINESS**

*Created by Gieneyra Lai-Alvarez*

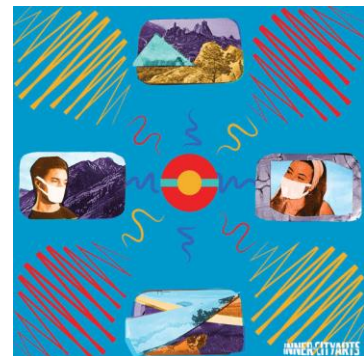
Boz has always had trouble going outside. Now that Boz's environment has changed around them, Boz has a new form of loneliness to deal with. Boz finds others in a similar situation and joins their weekly virtual meet-ups.



#### **HEAD PATS**

*Created by Anthony Gutierrez*

While self-isolation allows for self-reflection, don't forget to reach out to the people you care about.



#### **ISOLATED UNITY**

*Created by Samantha Nieves*

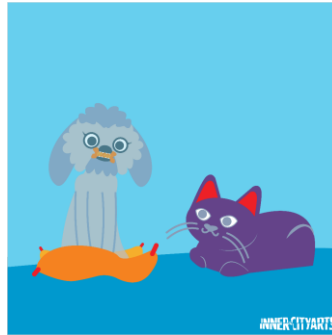
When we isolate, we go within our space alone to find that imagination can be inspiring and empowering. We find that what is most personal can be most universal and that we are all still interconnected through shared emotions or planes of imagination.



**PARTY OF ONE**

*Created by Jazlyn Archila*

No matter what, you're your own  
best company. Don't forget to  
hang out with yourself, too!



**ME, MYSELF & I**

*Created by Ravin Brazfield*

Our buddies may come and go,  
but in the end we always have  
ourselves.

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