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Thank you for wanting to participate in this project.

My name is Tracey-Mae Chambers, and I am a Metis fibre installation artist.

On April 1st, 2024, I will begin a new project, to address both the stigma and the scale of the opioid crisis in Canada, and to illustrate just how painful and widespread this epidemic is. If you have a loved one who succumbed to this disease of addiction, I would love to include your story in this piece.

When Parker was in the hospital, the wonderful ICU nursing staff at St. Catherines General Hospital sent this hospital gown home with me, to comfort Parker's dog Lilly. It will be the first piece of textile that I use in this project. But to accomplish this piece, I wish to recognize the countless stories out there that mirror my own. If you are the family of someone who died, and you are willing to donate a piece of clothing or other textile, please send it to me and I will incorporate it in this large, hand-tied piece. I will be essentially binding our grief together.

I cannot solve the fundamental causes of the opioid addiction, but I can help to create a tangible and visceral reminder that no one is immune to this issue. This project, while memorializing those we have lost, will also create a substantial representation of just how many lives this disease has impacted.

- 1. If you would like more information or have questions about this project, my contact information is <a href="mailto:traceymae@traceymae.com">traceymae@traceymae.com</a>
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- 3. If you want to share a photo or information about your loved one I will send you a waiver so that I may have permission to share that on a wall in the final installation piece.
- 4. If you would like to be kept up to date on the progress of the work please indicate that.

Sending My love, from one grieving mother to all the others I know are out there.