

“Moving Beyond Bars”

Honorable mention in this category goes to “Moving Beyond Bars”- based at the Men’s State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, S.D. The artistic focus for the project was to provide this invisible population the opportunity to explore creativity and give voice to their stories. In this 3-week program, Suzanne Costello and Ariadne Albright worked with participants daily.

The men were guided through creative writing exercises, which were then translated into movement sequences and monologues. In the project’s visual art component, they were introduced to exercises in drawing, color theory, and painting techniques. The inmates nicknamed Suzanne “sprout” as she continues to push for representation of their lost voices.

