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Photographic Communications

My portfolio focuses on capturing human emotion, connection, and identity through photography, mainly using candid portraits and documentary style images. The goal of my work is to explore how real-life experiences, like connection, growth, and personal change that can be shown through photos. I used a mix of staged portraits and natural, real-world moments, but I try to prioritize honesty and authenticity over making things look perfect.

My approach combines observing my subjects with intentional choices in composition, lighting, and interaction. I found that building trust and giving people space to be themselves helps reveal more genuine emotions. I also use techniques like natural lighting, shallow depth of field, and minimal editing to keep the images feeling real and not overly processed.

During this project, I discovered that the strongest images came from moments where people felt comfortable and understood, rather than posed or directed. That connection made a big difference in the overall impact of the photos.

Overall, this portfolio shows that photography is more than just making things look good, it's about documenting truth. I believe meaningful images come from patience, empathy, and a real effort to understand people and their experiences.