

About the Artist

Philip Powell is an amazingly spirited young man who loves to bring smiles to the faces of those he meets. In his good-natured, teasing way, he tends to make long-lasting impressions. He has a deeply compassionate nature, a playfulness balanced with tenderness. He also has Down syndrome.

Though he has always enjoyed doing artwork, Philip's decision to pursue it in earnest was spawned by a very dear family friend, Becky McCutchen, who became ill with leukemia. Wanting to lift her spirits, he painted her his first angel, believing them to be creatures who "are good, and fly, and help you if you have a problem." Deeply touched by his efforts and seeing his potential, Becky strongly urged him to make use of his talents. With that encouragement, he decided to devote his energy to continue painting angels in hopes that his artistic expression will both delight and uplift others.

Special thanks to Philip's wonderful godmother, Beth Watkins, who supports him in his efforts by finding ways to exhibit and promote his art. For more information, go to www.PhilipPowell.net or contact Beth at: (803) 738-9292 or BWatkins@sc.rr.com



Dec. 23, 2015
Dear Nikki & Michael,

Welly and I Really enjoyed
ourselves at your Christmas
Party at the Mansion. What
a fun and memorable night -
thank you for including us.

You both are so socially
gracious and welcoming. We
love spending time with you
and look forward to 2016!

Merry Christmas -
Alicia Ferguson

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