



Marilyn Fegyo discovers her love of coloring during the COVID-19 pandemic. PHOTO PROVIDED

Westwood Commons senior finds colorful new hobby

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The past year has uncovered many self-discoveries. Marilyn Fegyo, a resident of Westwood Commons in North Chili, learned that she enjoys coloring, so much so that she has completed over 1,000 drawings and coloring projects since the pandemic began.

Fegyo's knack for art emerged at a young age when she learned knitting, sewing and embroidery from a family member. She's continued to take art classes throughout her life, including painting, charcoal and pottery. When the quarantine first started, her niece suggested that she find a way to stay engaged throughout her day. In addition to reading the Bible cover to cover multiple times, she decided to take up coloring. Fegyo has mailed the

finished pieces to her brothers, and gifted them to her best friend, Rose, as well as Westwood Commons staff for their children. She also gifts her artwork to staff and residents on their birthdays. The pictures cover the walls of her room and each day she chooses three new pieces to display on her door.

"When I choose a picture, I know exactly who it's going to go to and I will tailor it to that person," she said. "I'll choose a picture based on that person's likes and dislikes, and use their favorite colors to complete it."

Fegyo puts thought into every single piece.

"She takes great pride in her gallery and the art she does," activities director Brenna Orlop said. "She plans out the pictures for her door display in advance."

For Fegyo, it's been a labor of love that helped



A collection of coloring pages completed by Westwood Commons resident Marilyn Fegyo. AMY CAVALIER

her stay positive through a long year.

"It's relaxing to make beautiful things," she

said. "I enjoy focusing on that focus takes the making it perfect and stress away."