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Please contact the Kinship Rising project: kinshiprising@uvic.ca
I’m a photographer and took the pictures in my story.

I love to photograph nature and wildlife.
In my language, yaaʔakuks suʔwa means.... I love you
but it also means...
My story is about healing from a traumatic event.

I created these designs by hand. It was a real struggle because I had a bad accident, I fractured my hand and it hurts a lot.

I worked through my pain to do my artwork and it helped me reconnect with my art.

I’m grateful that my project was like a new beginning.
Ellen Kayla Hannah Hubert

Life Plan: I am a photographer
Goal: To capture all the native wildlife on Vancouver Island

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