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## Local Artist Honors Heroes and Cancer Survivor

Georgia artist and author, Tina A Stoffel, honors cancer survivor and heroic s supporters. This past April, Stoffel was contacted by Frosty Dillman to paint a portrait of her husband Steve, a career firefighter who is battling cancer believed to be caused by chemical exposure while on the job. The photograph that Mrs. Dillman shared with Stoffel shows her husband surrounded by his long-time comrades at the Fire Department.

For his first treatment in March, approximately 150 of his comrades showed up at his first treatment to support him. When Mrs. Dillman inquired about the painting, Tina was hesitant to accept the commission because she has been working on a book and accompanying art exhibition for over a year.

COVID-19 caused her to postpone her planned exhibition, allowing more time for Stoffel to paint this beautiful tribute. Upon beginning the painting, Stoffel says she could feel the emotion of the overwhelming support. "I'm incredibly honored to paint these heroes. It is the most meaningful painting I have ever created."

One month later, Stoffel put the finishing touches to the portrait and it was ready for the big reveal. Stoffel says it was a huge challenge due to the small faces about the size of her fingernail. Although Mrs. Dillman said their faces could be painted without too much detail, Stoffel felt that it was important to put as much detail in as she could. As she neared completion, Mrs. Dillman said, "Oh, I will tell you I prayed for a thousand angels. My prayer was answered. I wish you could be here to present this most special gift."

After careful consideration, Stoffel decided to accept the invitation and flew back to her hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana to present the gift as a surprise. When she presented the painting to Steve, she told him she needed help naming the painting. Steve was very surprised. After taking it in for a moment, he stated he wanted the name "Brotherhood" in the title. Stoffel simply named it "Brotherhood."

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