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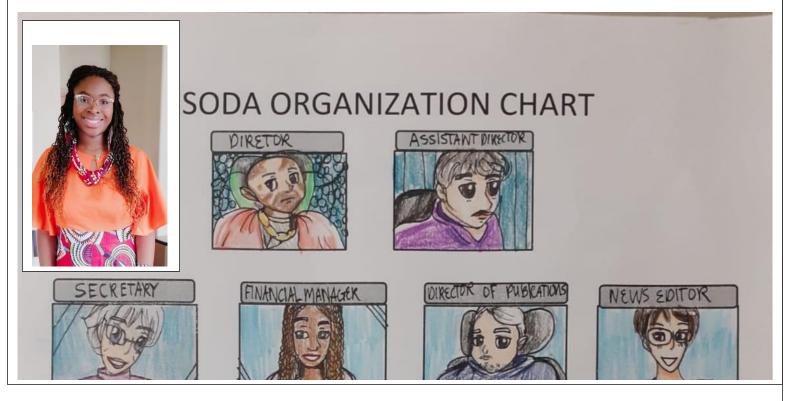
## CHERISH DABENI

We would like to introduce you to Cherish Dabeni, who serves on the SODA Board as our "Artist".

Cherish was born on October 14, 2006 in American Fork, Utah. She has two brothers and her mother is Porteah, SODA's Treasurer and Financial Manager. In March of 2007, Cherish and her family moved to Bellevue, Washington; later moved to Issaquah, and recently moved to Tacoma. She is fifteen years old and attends the ninth grade at Franklin Pierce High School in Tacoma.

Cherish enjoys several forms of art, including painting, cartoons and comics, and has found that art has helped her with mental health issues. She hopes to earn money in the future drawing comics (on-line) for those with mental illness. She enjoys skating and learning Japanese. Her favorite color is bright pink. She likes being a part of SODA, especially enjoying the movie parties, conversations and celebrating holidays and birthdays.

Monica is pleased with how far she feels that Cherish has come since she was fourteen and very shy. Now she is more social and even hosts our Zoom Board Meetings, for which she is paid a stipend. We really have appreciated her artwork, part of which is in our new brochure! Thank you, Cherish, for being an important part of SODA!



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