



## ROSE ANN ALBANESE

### About the artist:

*“Born and raised in Little Italy, New York I am currently living in Bay Shore with my devoted husband near wonderful family and grandchildren. Working from my studio at home and The Art Student’s League, New York City, I devote all my time to what has been the most single guiding force in my life, art. I hope that my desire to record the feelings and excitement in all that I see in the life around me and all the beauty we are graciously given by nature can be viewed through my interpretations on canvas.”*

### About participating in the LI2Day Poster Project:

*“When my cousin was told she had breast cancer and needed immediate treatment, she called a ‘special cousins’ meeting at the local diner where we usually met for coffee and fun conversation. Now, we banded together for her upcoming battle. We didn’t know it at the time, but our Circle of Unity dates back to the Roman Empire when warriors used it to defeat their enemies.*

*My cousin’s vigilance, courage, fortitude and determination against the enemy set me to thinking - that these are the tools of winners. We met throughout her ordeal, sharing love, support, optimism and determination. She beat her enemy.*

*Now a very close friend is also in the battle of her life and I am part of another Circle of Unity. Knowing how powerful this can be, I walked the Jones Beach Walk For Life to show my support. Oh how heartrending that day was. When that many people gather together as one, this battle must be won.”*

### About her painting: ***Strength in Unity***

*“My painting is an allegory, full of symbolism. The butterfly symbolizes new birth. It has a freshness, beauty and fragility that represents our own fragile, beautiful lives. Our body constantly renews itself physically as our spirit, too, is renewed. The circle of wholeness, unity and power also depicts female power. It is strength un-broken, a united force in the human spirit with a new beginning each day. The Nurturer (on the left) takes and gives strength from the bundles to the stalwart one in battle. As a healer and teacher he shows the way to unity and wholeness while drawing his energy from the bundle’s strength. The Commander of Life (on the right) also takes her power from the bundles and passes it onto the soldier who fearlessly absorbs all her spirit and strength and power. Human Spirit (in the center) is in position to absorb all the positive vibrations from the Nurturer and Commander of Life. Fearless, in unity with the spirit of healing and the power to fight, she looks up to the new day.”*