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Statement

My drawings on layered, translucent paper are inspired by my mother's struggle to care for my father who has Parkinsonism. The life-sized images, which are cut out and mounted to the wall, represent the substantiality of their difficulties and resilience. The trays are used as architectural elements to support my father as he walks, confining his small steps within their framework. My mother bears the sole weight of his mobility, both literally and metaphorically. Painting on translucent paper allows me to progressively layer my parent's struggles and that which is outwardly hidden. Each wall represents a stage from my parent's lives and their desire to overcome and persevere.