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Re-Purposed Treasures

Artist Statement

The center of this piece is a coin, the type rewarded to those who donate to a cause. This is meant to serve as a token of appreciation, a memory of what is given, when all that is received in return is something with, “no cash value”. I took this coin as a starting point, as a lens to see what we, specifically as Americans, hold more important than money. Pride, strength, balance, all conveyed through a symmetric and geometric organization of red, white and blue objects. Alone, these objects mean nothing. Together, they form a feeling of inner perseverance and triumph in its design and organization. While this piece may be worth nothing in value, my hope is it for it to convey emotion beyond the material and the physical.

