

## **The Happy Face Group**

by Rosie Juarez

Happy Face group is our Self Advocacy group at the VEC. We meet on Tuesday afternoons at 1:45 in the conference room,

Mike and Chris are our helpers. We want more people to come into our happy group. We want more staff to come too.

We talked about the human race. We need more money for our program. We discussed it as a team, and we would like to have a bar-b-que with the money we raise. We make banners

for upcoming events. We talked about Dinner Under the Stars, a lady came in and talked about decorations and how people can help draw different things for it. So if anyone is interested they can come and help us in Happy Face.

## **Women's Group**

by Sheryl Melendy

In women's group we listen to music and we have it on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Our staff leaders are Tiffany and Jaqualyn. We have a facilitator for each day and they decide what they want to do on their day. We can play any CD we want to. We do art projects, talk about famous people and we do sewing and beading. We had a guy on Tuesday the 22nd we talked about art, his name is Patrick Bell he works at BI and one day a week he is in art works.

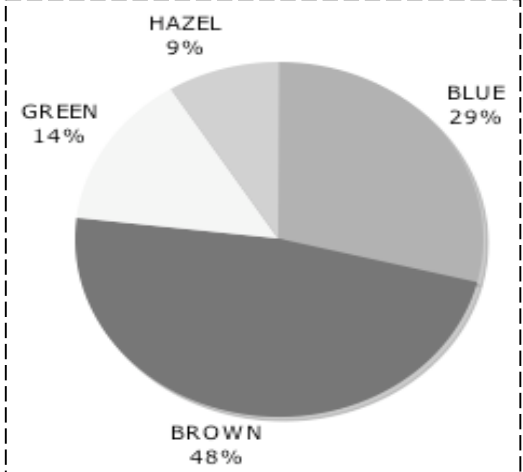


Photo by Damon Blackwell

## **EYECOLOR**

by Marilynne Williamson

Marilynne surveyed participants at the VEC to determine their eyecolor.





Richard is our resident banner artist he is pictured here proudly displaying his latest creation for the Human Race.

## The Human Race

by Richard J Leonard

The human race is on the seventh of May. They have a pancake breakfast from 8:00am to 11:00 am, its for adults and kids. There is a three K walk and a ten K walk or run. Everyone can pick up their t-shirts at the market place. After the race there will be live music and many other booths that will sell food.

There will be some art, and face painting, and fun games. They are looking for volunteers to work the Becoming Independent Booth. The human race is at Slater Middle School.

### SOUTH CAMPUS CONNECTION

WITH PETER MINGRAM

Peter interviewed people at South campus, he asked, "What is your favorite thing about Becoming Independent?"

"All of the people. Staff are so helpful and nice." -Sheryl Melendy

"I like doing needlepoint and going out in the community." -Lisa Baron

"Working is my favorite thing to do at BI." -Shaun New

"I like the work and the people." -Evan Staton

"I like the classes and working" -Dawn Barrett



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