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AIM HIGHER

2011 Yearbook

Cover art created by AIM HIGHER consumers.

AIM HIGHER has been providing services to adults with developmental disabilities at all levels of the ability spectrum for six years and counting! The AIM HIGHER Roseville team takes honor in the wonderful men and women that we serve each and every day. From the moment you walk in our doors, our energized staff and consumers welcome you with open arms.

Team Roseville continues to raise the bar each and every day. We like to do this by creating an innovative curriculum to engage all of our consumers at an Adult level. Earlier this year, we have brought a few new components on board to do just that; take the bar to the next level! These new components include; Multimedia, T-Shirt Making, and Performing Arts. Within each of our components our staff and consumers are consistently making progress towards a finished product. Whether it is an art piece for the next art show, rehearsal for the upcoming play, shopping for ingredients to cook, or completing a short film to be presented to all of AIM HIGHER; our staff and consumers work day in and day out in search for success!

Our dedicated staff works with our consumers to plan and organize daily activities that everyone can enjoy. A few of our memorable events such as: outings to Folsom lake, hot summer softball tournaments, barbeques and classic cars, cat walk for our Annual Fashion Show, Haunted House, evening dances and our Performing Arts Productions; we hope you enjoy the 2011 AIM HIGHER Roseville year book!

Thank you to all Consumers, Parents, and Care Providers for your support,

AIM HIGHER Roseville Team





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GROUP 1



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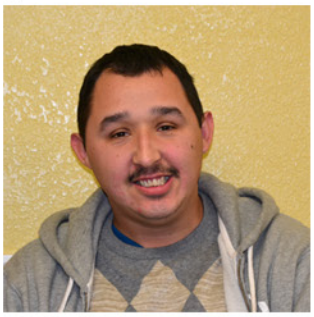
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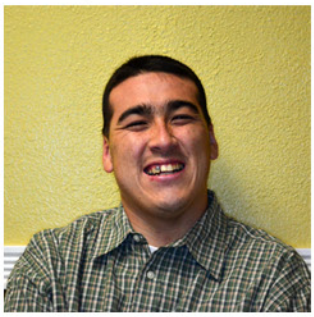
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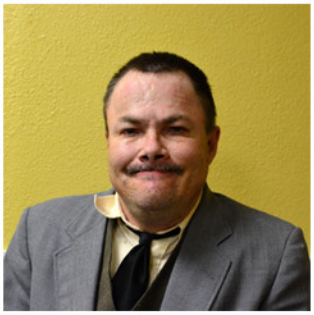
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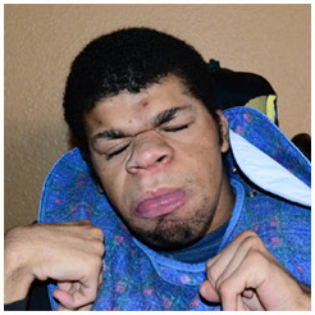
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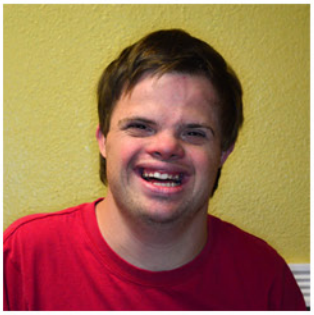
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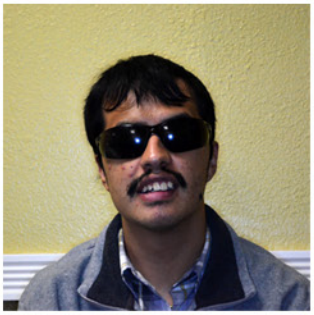
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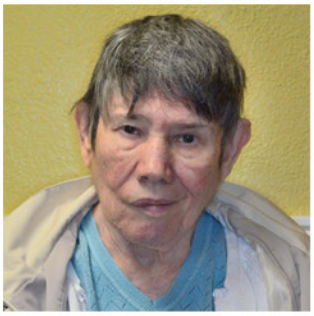
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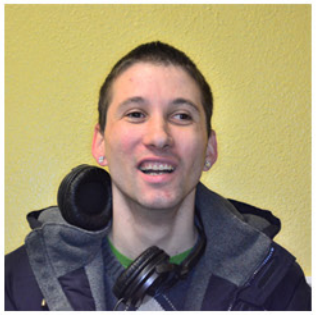
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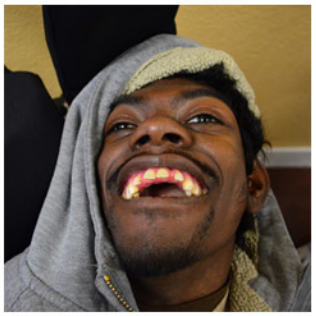
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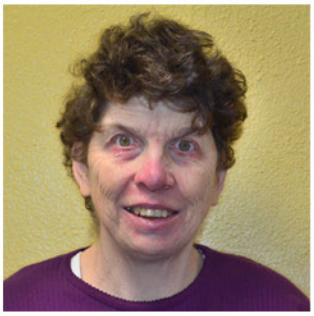
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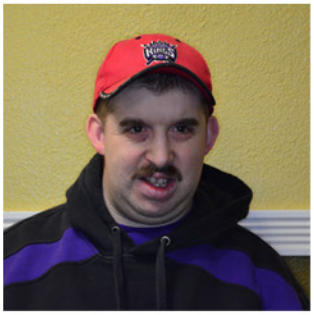
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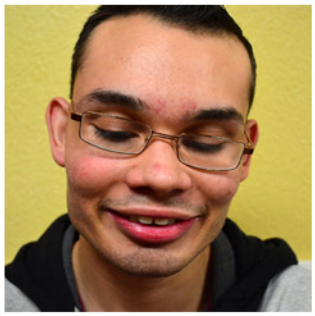
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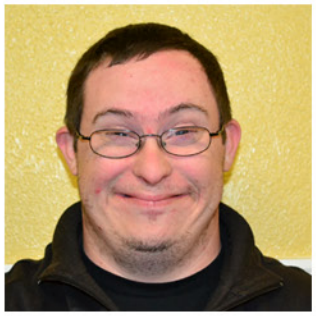
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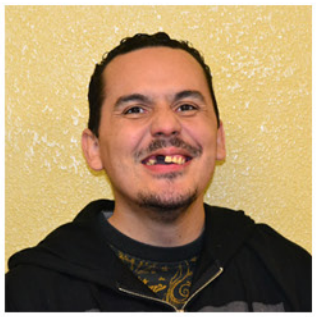
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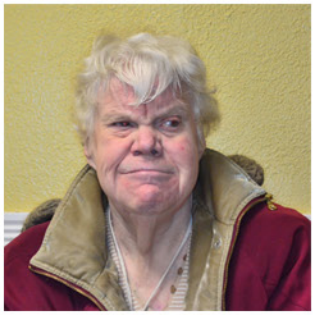
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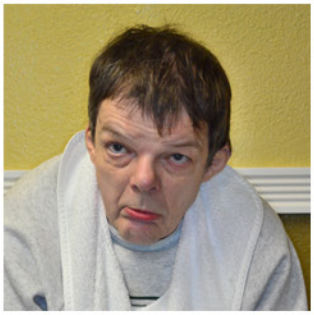
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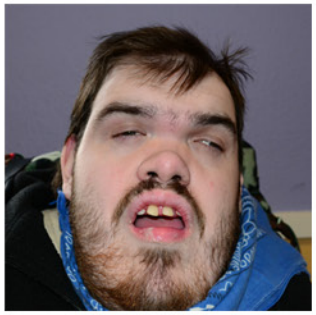
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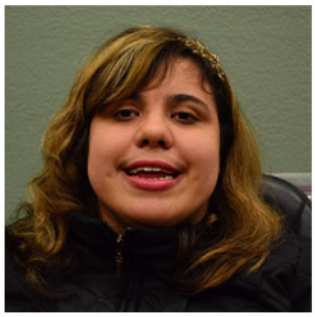
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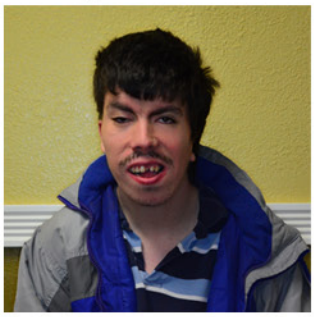
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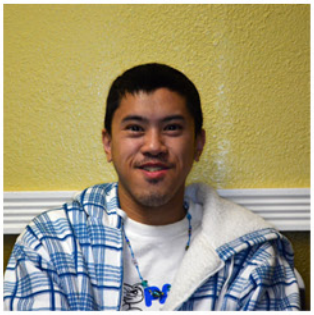
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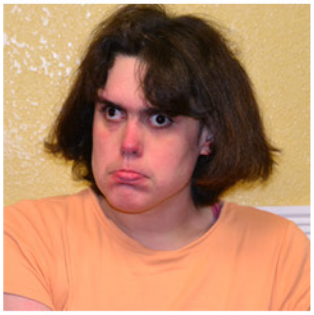
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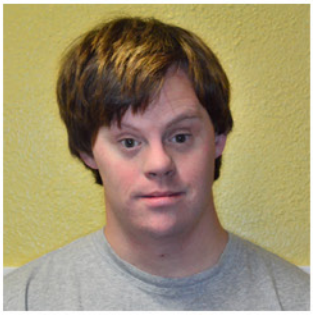
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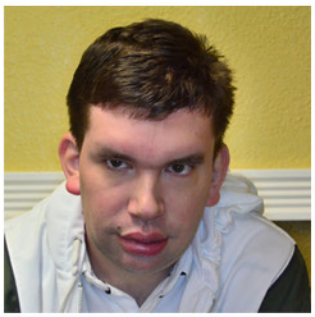
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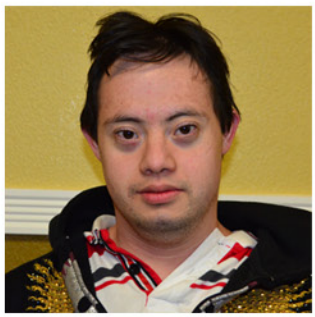
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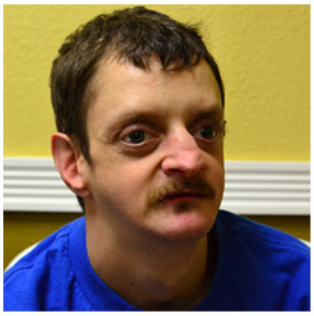


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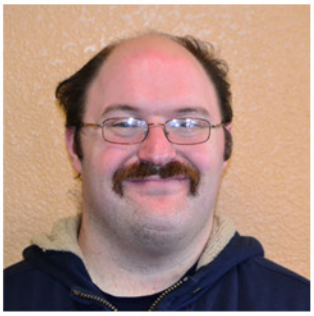
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Aaron Barnes



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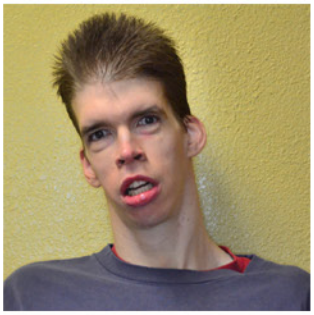
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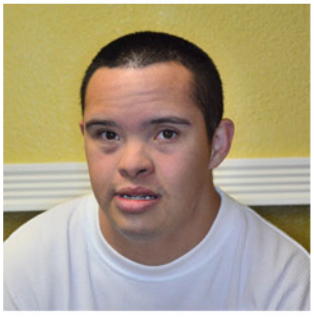
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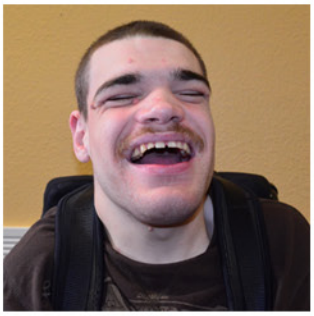
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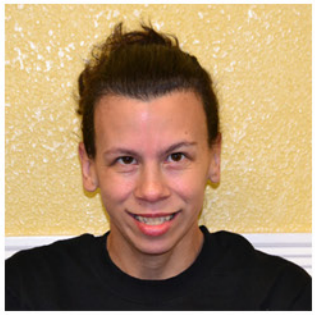
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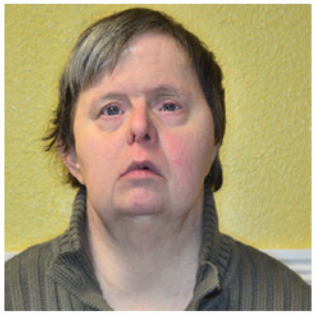
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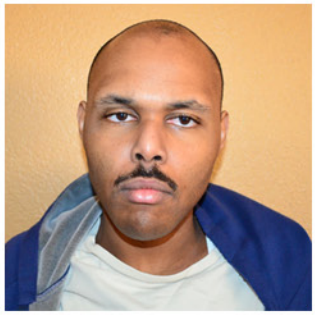
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Pete Romena



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Marlon Crudo



Sheletta Sellers



Marcella Fletcher



Chong Thao



Sosilyn Emberga



Renu Peer



Miguel Bullon



Evelyn Atamanyuk



Hilario (JunJun) Agliday



Gena DeMesa



Kevin Tejada



Rhonda Sage

PERFORMING ARTS



The Wizard of Oz









The Wizard of Oz was a breath taking, high-energy, whirlwind performance. I could see the excitement in the eyes of those who were watching and in those who were on stage. Their smiles said it all. Our version of the Wizard of Oz was a unique take on the classic story, shaped primarily by the consumers. They acted, sang, and danced beautifully reminding everyone that anything is possible if you're willing to work hard.
-Rosalena Weeks







Thriller



"We had so much fun with our own version of Michael Jackson's 'Thriller'. To see the dedication, motivation, and effort at every practice from each consumer was an inspiration to staff and myself. Each week we added different dance steps, ideas and created something quite impressive.What an experience!"
-Cedric Early





PREFORMING ARTS
INTERVIEWS

"I enjoy performing and helping others in the Performing Arts classroom. I want to show other disabled people that they can do it too!"
- Andria

"I like Performing Arts because I can sing and act. I love acting because I can pretend to be different characters in a play."
- Katie

"When I first started performing I was really nervous, but after practicing over and over I got used to being on stage. I am glad I got the chance to work with Rose and the staff in the classroom. They have taught me many things when it comes to performing."
- Kristyna S.

"Wizard of Oz was the first real performance that I've ever been a part of. Just the fact that I get to perform is awesome! I'm glad I got the chance to do everything that I wanted to do in Performing Arts that I never got to do in high school."
- Vladi





LIFE SKILLS/ VOCATIONAL





AIM HIGHER consumers are paid to work everyday in our vocational program. We like to volunteer in our community at AIM HIGHER; there are a lot of businesses that really like our help. We have volunteered at several places including Goodwill, RAFT, and Head Start. Our work includes washing, sanitizing, setting tables, sweeping and vacuuming floors. In Life-skills we teach consumers how to cook in class so they can cook for themselves at home. In Education, we work with our consumers every morning on their goals which include reading and math skills. -Shelanda Sellers

"I think it's fantastic to work at AIM HIGHER. If we did not have the vocational component at AIM HIGHER I wouldn't be able to make money. This is a place you can come to have fun and earn money!"
– Jeanie O.

"Working at AIM HIGHER is awesome! I love to volunteer at Head Start cleaning up and washing the dishes after the kids. It feels good to help the kids." – Frank G.



"I love working at AIM HIGHER! I work everyday doing janitorial work and have fun doing it Monday through Friday! It helps me purchase extra groceries and clothes when needed." – Patti D.

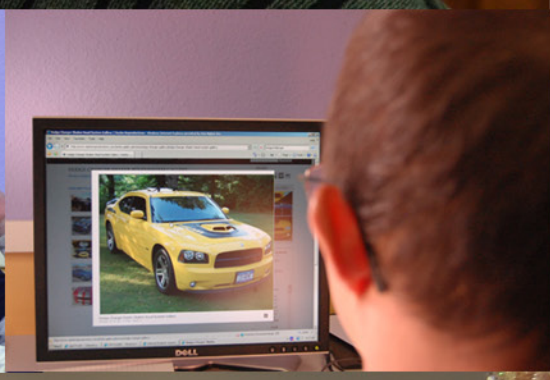


MULTIMEDIA

From basic computer skills to digital photography, graphic design, digital illustration, and film production, the multimedia component at AIM HIGHER was an exciting addition to the classroom rotations this year. -Michelle Denz







"Computers have grown to the point that they are a necessity and part of our daily lives. Whether it is e-mail, writing a letter or resume, the computer is a vital instrument to be able to use. Any information is at your fingertips. We try to help each person fulfill what they want or need to be able to do in order to be more productive." David Sipsy



On the set of "AIM DIER", AIM HIGHER's October multimedia project.

ART & EXPRESSION











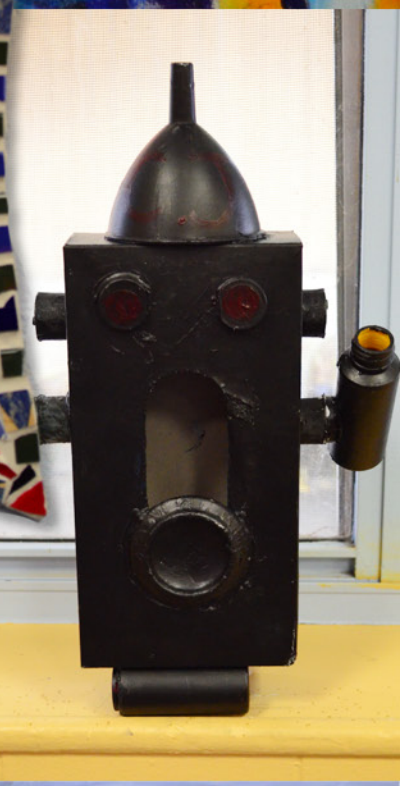
"Once every 3-6 months we sell our work at the 2nd Saturday art shows in Sacramento. The artist receives 75% of the art that sells and the other 25% is fed back into purchasing art supplies for the class." -Arnetta Gonzales

















"I believe that every individual has within them the ability to be creative. In Art and Expression, we try to develop and encourage the many hidden talents that each person has to offer. So whether it's painting, mosaics, collage or jewelry making, everyone has the opportunity to explore and create to their full potential." -Arnetta Gonzales



BOWLING LEAGUE

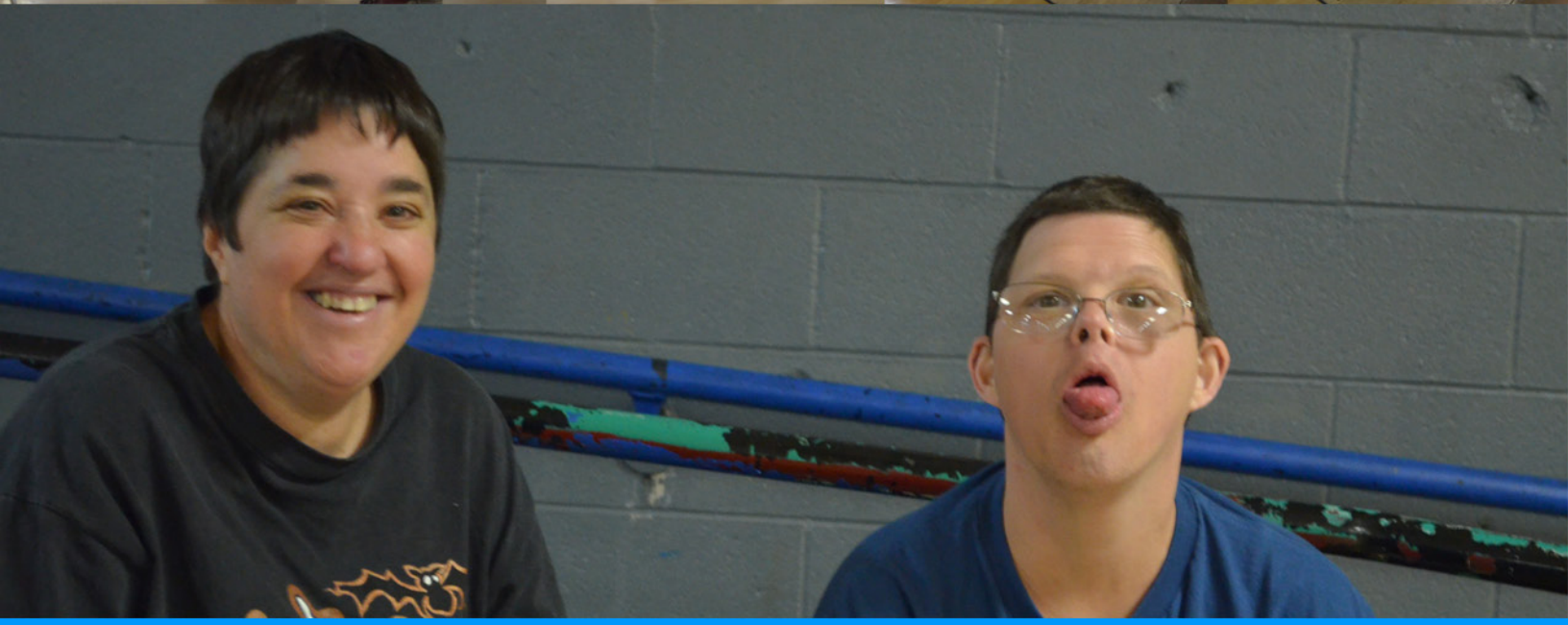
















This year, AIM HIGHER decided not to participate in Special Olympics bowling but created a League of our own! We have over sixty athletes participating in this event and are currently still playing our games throughout December. At the end of our two month bowling season; the team with the most points move on to the Finals! Stay tuned to see who our overall winner will be!

FASHION SHOW











The Fashion Show was such a success! Everyone that came to see our consumers was impressed by the energy they showed on the catwalk. Families, friends, care-providers, and staff were very proud as they saw the consumers put on a fun performance sporting attire that they created.















HALLOWEEN

Our 2nd Annual Halloween Hop dance was one to remember. Consumers and parents danced the night away as everyone was dressed up in costumes and toured our Haunted House.





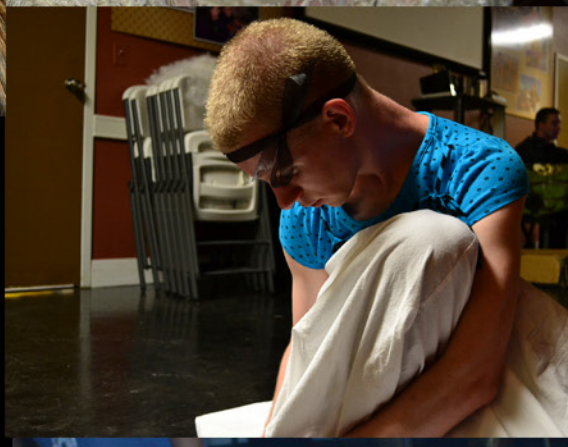





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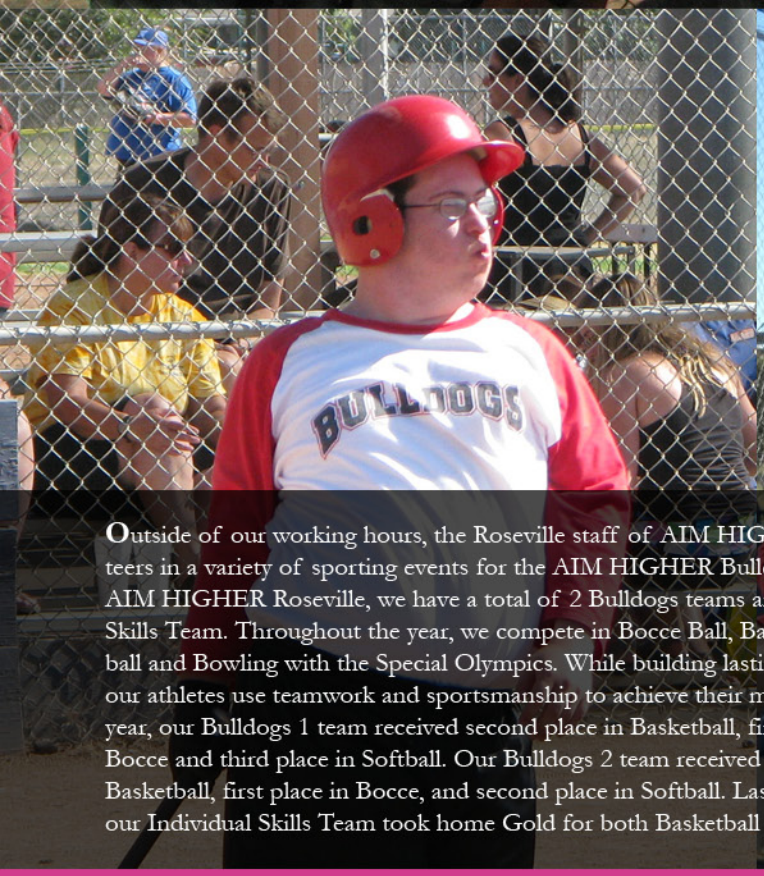



HAPPY HALLOWEEN
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SPECIAL OLYMPICS







Outside of our working hours, the Roseville staff of AIM HIGHER volunteers in a variety of sporting events for the AIM HIGHER Bulldogs. Here at AIM HIGHER Roseville, we have a total of 2 Bulldogs teams and 1 Individual Skills Team. Throughout the year, we compete in Bocce Ball, Basketball, Softball and Bowling with the Special Olympics. While building lasting friendships our athletes use teamwork and sportsmanship to achieve their medals. This year, our Bulldogs 1 team received second place in Basketball, first place in Bocce and third place in Softball. Our Bulldogs 2 team received fourth place in Basketball, first place in Bocce, and second place in Softball. Last but not least, our Individual Skills Team took home Gold for both Basketball and Softball.

GO BULLDOGS!







PUMPKIN PATCH













It was a beautiful outing. We saw a lot of nature and enjoyed the changing colors of autumn. Each consumer got a pumpkin if they wanted one, and got to watch an awesome live performance. -Shelanda Sellers

APPLE HILL









This trip was really wonderful, the first snow on the mountains was beautiful and the weather was great. We also got a chance to sample apple cider and buy a pie or a treat. -Shelanda Sellers





SUTTER'S MILL



















"On our outing to Coloma, we visited Sutter's Mill where the gold nugget that started the Gold Rush was found. We learned about lots of amazing Californian history and culture." -Dave Sipsy

THANKSGIVING









CHRISTMAS













WHAT AN AMAZING YEAR!

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

"The Committee is wonderful! I never thought that I'd be President and get the chance to help organize activities for the our consumers. I want to thank everyone for making my dreams come true." – Vladi V.

"It feels good to be part of the Advisory Committee and help make a difference. I enjoy being the Treasurer because I can help manage the money for our fundraisers." –Mayela C.

Advisory Committee is an organization created by consumers that attend AIM HIGHER. It's a group of individuals chosen by their peers that voice, plan, and advocate for all other AIM HIGHER consumers. This organization builds character, leadership, and responsibility by performing job duties.

-This year the Advisory Committee has organized:
-Meeting the People First organization.
-Being representatives in Special Olympics.
-Workshops on Leadership, Management, and Public Speaking.
-General meetings: once a month for staff and consumers to voice their opinion, suggestions and anything else they would like to see improve.



CRAZY HAT DAY





"So many different colors, styles and sizes when it comes to Crazy Hat Day. Big hats, little hats, cowboy hats, sports hats, you name it!"
- Cedric Early













CARNIVAL DAY & HOT AUGUST DAYS

Consumers enjoyed a whole day of Carnival Games and Activities! Earn tickets from a Carnival Game and pie the Staff in the face!





One of our newest team members Kassy, introduced us to her close friends with classic hot rods. We emptied the parking lot, barbecued hamburgers and enjoyed an afternoon taking pictures by our favorite cars.

EVERYDAY AIM HIGHER











GO STAFF!




























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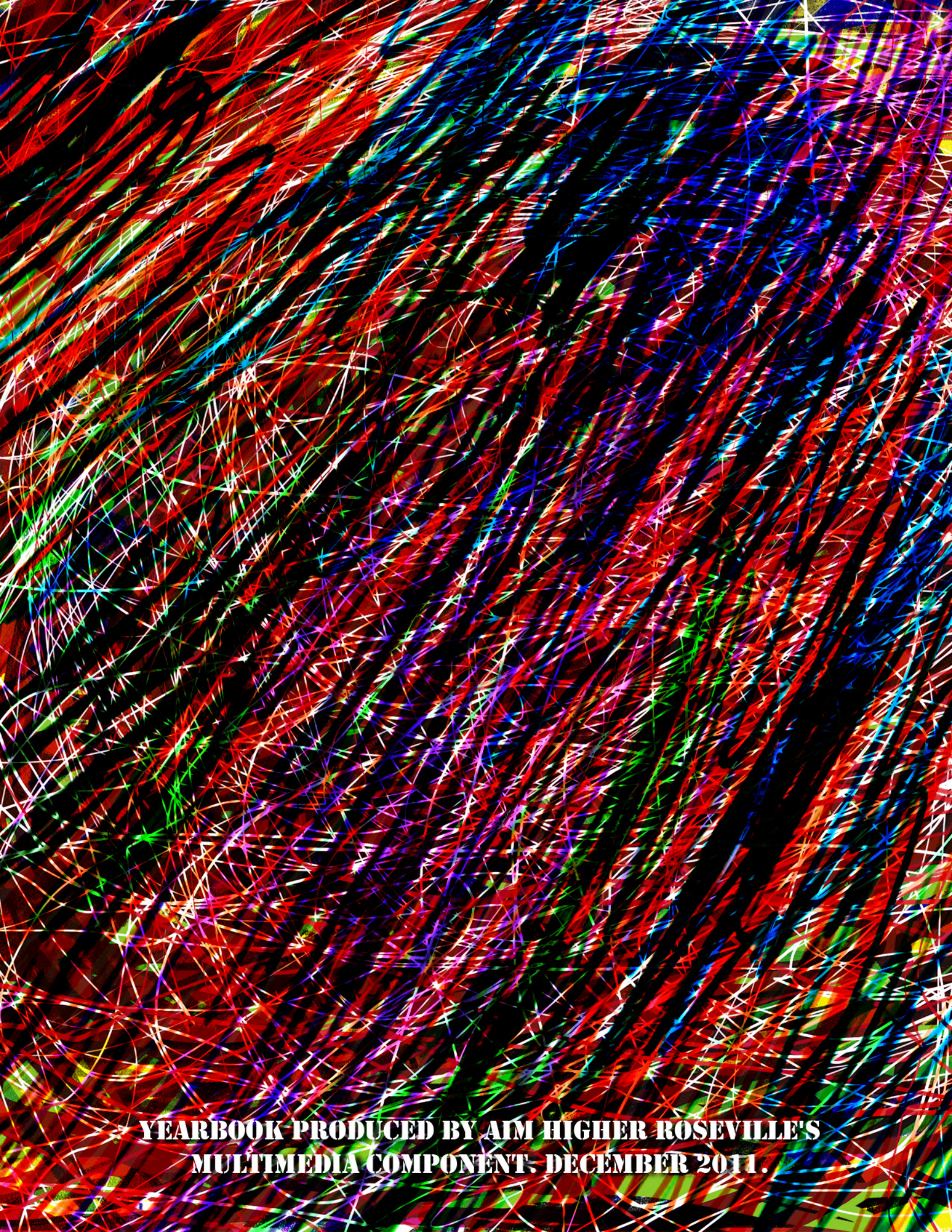
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