

Solar System
Christopher S. and Ismael

Christopher: My deafness does not mean I cannot do things. I love being happy, feeling vibrations from the headphones I wear when music is playing, watching TV, bowling, going for walks at the park and rides around town. I enjoy life to the fullest. My art teacher taught me how to paint and how to have patience when it comes to completing a canvas. Painting helps me to feel happy and calm. I enjoy painting with my friends and it is more fun that way.

Ismael: I need to have stability and structure in order to overcome my deafness. If I feel that my day is not structured, then I feel out of place, frustrated and, at times, angry. When the staff keeps an open line of communication with me, I feel like my day will be structured. I can express my thoughts and feelings through drawing and painting. Through art, my frustration disappears and I feel calm, happy and at the same time I have fun. I enjoy drawing Star Trek ships and painting peace signs.