

*Thoughts on Facilitated Communication*

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[My son wrote this as a school assignment. I suggested that it might be nice to send it to the Digest, and Chammi agreed. The letter is of course a response to the negative research and publicity. -- Anoja Rajapatirana]

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Dear Sir:

Facilitated Communication, better known as FC, is giving most non-verbal people a chance to say what is on their minds. Year after year they waited for a gift of speech. Yet until Rosemary Crossley discovered FC, I and others like me kept begging God in vain. Hostile petty people will try to take our painfully gained freedom from us. Tear our hearts out if you must, do not take spiteful revenge on us by pretending concern for us while hypocritically muting us.