

# ADVOCATES

First, we listen ...

*"Each of Us Is a Person First"*

*By Gus the Cat (Newton Corner House),*

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My name is Gus,

And I'm a cat.

Please don't judge me

Because of that.

I live in a Group Home

In Newton City

But don't worry 'bout me

Cuz that's no pity

I have 8 roommates

Who are labeled as "ill"

But they're more than that

And totally chill

At Newton Corner

We're hip to the "labels"

And you better realize that we're more than just "able".

So let's take a moment

And stop all the hatin'

We're people first!

So let's start appreciatin'!

We all have a heart,

So can't you see

My guardians here

Are People to me!