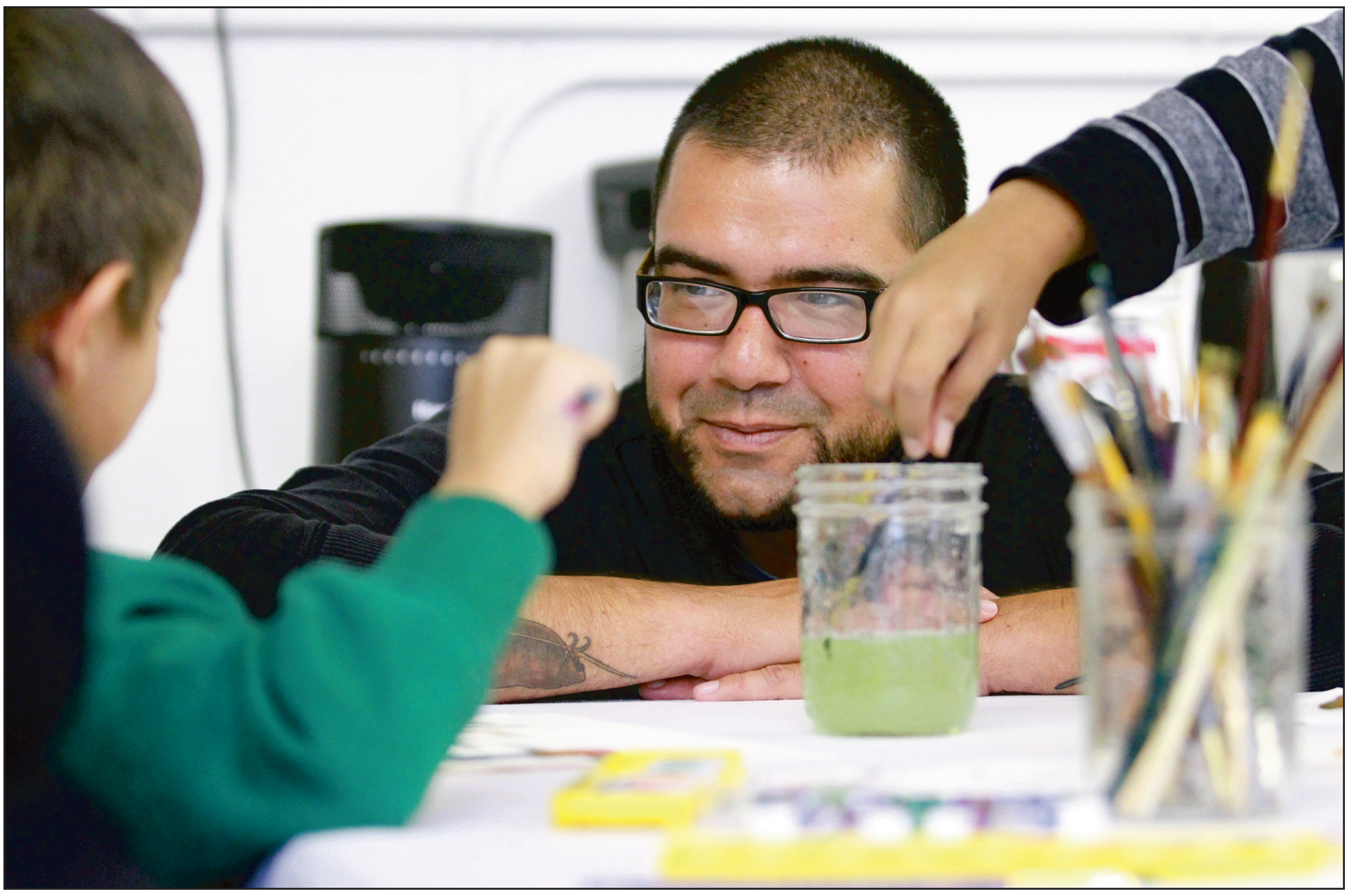
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Trent Rickman talks with one of his students, Gracien Campbell, 4, during a mommy and me art class at Studio 313 Rio located in the back of the new Gallery 313 Rio. “I felt like it was a beautiful way to be of service to the community,” Rickman said of creating the art classes in the newly created space. “I felt like it’s a possibility with endless possibilities attached to it.”



Trent Rickman and Miles Yoast, 5, paint their hands so they can leave handprints on a canvas on the wall during a mommy and me art class at Rickman’s Studio 313 Rio on March 14. “Doing this was like jumping off a cliff for me cause I’ve never done anything like it,” Rickman said of starting the classes at the new gallery. “I’m just thankful I did.”

PEOPLE

Art with heart

Cuero native shares passion for painting by offering classes at new gallery

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Behind a wall of windows in a newly remodeled storefront on Rio Grande Street, a space for local artists to display their work has taken shape.

While Trent Rickman hangs his paintings in the gallery, the back room is where he hangs his heart.

And then he invites others to fling paint at it.

When owner Frank Reyes offered Rickman a studio space in the back of the new gallery, dubbed Gallery 313 Rio, he saw an opportunity to share his love of colors and artistic expression with others.

“I love art, so I wanted to share with any and everybody,” he said.

The 34-year-old Cuero native created fliers asking for Victorians to “come & paint with me,” offering mommy and me classes as well as special needs and adult sessions three days a week.

A giant canvas fills half of one wall of the room with a free-form swirled heart in the middle where Rickman’s students are encouraged to throw paint when they finish a creation or need a break.

His first class was March 3. He’s had a small stream of mostly children with their parents trickle in to join in the fun every week.

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To hear more from Trent Rickman, go to VictoriaAdvocate.com.



Jayden Pothoff, 6, jumps as she flings paint at a giant canvas on the wall during a mommy and me art class at Studio 313 Rio located in the back of the new Gallery 313 Rio. Trent Rickman started the classes at the beginning of March after being approached by the owners of the new gallery to hang his work and use the back room as a studio space.