



A short film made by and with nonspeaking autistic people

## TRANSCRIPT

[GRANT BLASKO] Hi. I am Grant Blasko, a college-bound high school senior.

[JORDYN ZIMMERMAN] My name is Jordyn Zimmerman. I communicate by typing on an iPad.

[ENDEVER\* CORBIN] My name is endever\* and I am a multi-modal communicator.

[ISAIAH GREWAL] Hi, I'm Isaiah Grewal from Canada. I type and spell to communicate.

[NARRATOR] We are all autistic and we are unable to rely upon speech to be understood. Most of us are nonspeaking. Some of us can speak a little, or from time to time.

[RHEMA RUSSELL] Just because I cannot speak does not mean I don't hear. I may not show understanding in my face, but I know and understand. Not a word said escapes my so strong ears.

[DAMON KIRSEBOM] Hello, I am Damon. To anyone who wishes to represent nonspeaking people, I ask that you communicate with us directly.

[RHEMA RUSSELL] The way to demean me is to speak to me as if I am a baby.

[PHILIP REYES] I don't like people talking about me like I am not there.

[NARRATOR] Ask us. Listen to us. Nothing about us without us.

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