

## **ASK US**

## A short film made by and with nonspeaking autistic people

## **TRANSCRIPT**

[GRANT BLASKO] Hi. I am Grant Blasko.

[JORDYN ZIMMERMAN] My name is Jordyn Zimmerman.

[ENDEVER\* CORBIN] My name is endever\*.

[ISAIAH GREWAL] Hi, I'm Isaiah Grewal.

[NARRATOR] We are all autistic and we are unable to rely upon speech to be understood.

[RHEMA RUSSELL] Just because I cannot speak does not mean I don't hear.

[DAMON KIRSEBOM] Misrepresentation of nonspeaking people leaves us more vulnerable to abuse.

[JORDYN ZIMMERMAN] I should not be left out of conversations or presumed incompetent simply because I don't rely on spoken language.

[ENDEVER\* CORBIN] There needs to be more representation of diverse autistic identities.

[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] Consult nonspeaking autists from the start and at key points throughout your project. Read our blogs and books. Watch our movies and videos. Learn about our lives.

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

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