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My name is Jad Brake. I am a PhD student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia. As part of my doctoral degree, I am conducting research that focuses on how adults in the BC Lower Mainland, who are diagnosed with autism establish and maintain friendships.

To participate in this study, you must be: At least 18 years old, diagnosed with autism, live in the BC Lower Mainland.

This study includes observations of activities that you engage in with friends. Your participation is entirely voluntary. If you agree to participate, I would like to meet you for an interview and speak with you about your personal friendship experiences as well as your experience of social relationships. All of your responses and the information that you provide in this interview will be confidential. If you agree, I would also like to accompany you to some of your meetings with friends and to events and activities that you attend in the community.

For your participation in the interview, you will be offered an Amazon gift card valued 20\$.

I hope you will contribute to this study and contribute to a better understanding of the social experience of adults with autism.

Liking or sharing this invitation may identify you as a research participant. If you are interested in participating in my study, please contact me at <u>jad.brake@alumni.ubc.ca</u> or 778-9273111.

If you have additional questions, you may also contact the Principal Investigator for this study, Prof. William McKellin, Department of Anthropology, <u>w.mckellin@ubc.ca</u> or 604-822-2756.

Thank you for your time, Jad Brake