



## Johanne and Kim – Family and Friends

### Transcript

*(English subtitles)*

**Johanne:** Hi, my name is Johanne. This is my friend, my sister-in-law...

**Kim:** Hi, my name is Kim.

**Johanne:** Kim and I have lived together for seven years. She was living alone with a roommate named Isabelle, who also lives with us. We went to fetch them 7 years ago, and honestly, I didn't know anything about intellectual disability. I had some understanding of friendship: for me friendship has always been important, but I didn't really know how to live friendship with someone who has an intellectual disability. So Kim came to live with us, and since then it has changed our lives. And it has also changed my perception of things. It changed my life. Kim and I are more than sisters-in-law. We became friends.

*(to Kim)* Kim, what do you like about our friendship?

**Kim:** Friend with you.

**Johanne:** I'm a friend to you. Yes, we love each other a lot? Yes. What do we do together? She likes to cook with me, it's true. We're a good team? All the little tasks in the house become a pleasure with her. We do gardening together; we do many things together--more than taking care of the house. We have other activities. We often go shopping.

**Kim:** At the grocery store.

**Johanne:** At the grocery store. And after that we often do an activity here in l'AVRDI. What do we do here with l'AVRDI?

**Kim:** We dance.



**Johanne:** They dance. Oh, yes, this is Sunday. We have coffee together. This is our little time that we share.

**Kim:** We relax.

**Johanne:** We relax. You look at a magazine, and I read a good book sometimes.

**Kim:** The horse...

**Johanne:** Yes, one time we went horseback riding together, and we went camping together.

**Kim:** Your father...

**Johanne:** We went camping with my father.

**Kim:** We go outside for walks.

**Johanne:** We go outside for walks.

**Kim:** With the dog

**Johanne:** With the dog, yes. What's the name of our dog?

**Kim:** Belle

**Johanne:** My relationship with Kim is very important to me because Kim loves me the way I am. I can be myself. We complete each other, and we understand each other. We have a special bond. Sometime we just look at each other and we know what the other is thinking about. It happens sometimes that we fight.

**Kim:** Sometimes. Yes.

**Johanne:** Yes, sometimes we argue a little but...

**Kim:** Not too much

**Johanne:** Not too much. We hug and we say we're sorry.

**Kim:** I like you a lot.

**Johanne:** You like me a lot.

