



Josianne and Joanie – Friends who Live Together

Transcript

(English subtitles)

Josianne: My name is Josianne. I'm 21. I live in St-Hilaire and I have known Joanie for 12 years, because we've been living together.

Joanie: I'm Joanie. As Josianne said, we have lived together for 12 years, because Josianne is in a "home-stay" (foster home) program at our place (family home). So we have been friends for 12 years. We live in the same house. I was 13 years old when Josianne arrived. Because we grew up together, it was easy to become friends.

Josianne: Yes

Joanie: Because we were doing a lot of things together.

Josianne: Yes

Joanie: Like what, for example?

Josianne: We went to the theatre. Sometimes we went to a restaurant. We did a lot of other things with AVRDI (a social club) and other friends.

(to Josianne) And at home, what do we do--in the summer for example?

Josianne: We are in the pool

Joanie: Yes. And we make a barbecue, and after that what do we do around the fire?

Josianne: A party.

Joanie: With guitars.



Josianne: Yes

Joanie: And songs

Josianne: Marshmallows.

Joanie: Yes. Marshmallows. We like to sing too.

Josianne: Yes

Joanie: Yes

Josianne: Walk, take our bikes, go to the theatre, do shopping with the people from AVRDI we go bowling, dance, go to the theatre, in the summer, there is the cruise. In the winter there is the sugaring-off cabin (where maple syrup is made.)

Joanie: What I like in you Josianne, is that you're very attentive to others. Each time someone's birthday comes, we can be sure that you're making a beautiful card. You really think about the other person, whether you're fine or not. You're really present. And every time kids come to the house, like my cousins, you like to take care of them. You play with them. You take time to be with others. And you're always smiling. It feels good because we can have a bad day but we can still have a good dinner together with all the family around the table. We talk about our day and I like that a lot

Josianne: Because we have fun together. It's fun to speak with Joanie because she is listening.

Joanie: She is a great friend, I can say. And a special friend.

Josianne: Yes, if we have an argument we talk together and sort out what happened.

Joanie: Well, we're two sensitive people.

Josianne: Yes

Joanie: I say. And if we are in quarrel, does it take long before we hug and we say everything is fine? It doesn't take long usually.

Josianne: No

Joanie: The friendship that I have with Josianne--it's important to me because it is really based on trust. And what I like a lot is that with Josianne I've no mask--she sees me the way I am, every day, with my good side and with my bad side, but we appreciate each



other as we are, without role-playing and without pretending to be someone else. I'm really me with Josianne and I know that she accepts me as I am. And this is the same for me: I love her and I accept her as she is. So this is what makes this friendship beautiful.

