



## **Susan Beayni – Importance of Family Support**

### **Transcript**

**Susan:** I've been very honoured to walk with families and individuals over the years, trying to help them find ways of creating opportunities where their sons and daughters can make friendships, or at least develop relationships that might lead to friendships. And one of the things that I've learned is that for people who have unique needs and need support the families really need to be on board because first of all the individual, at least in our situation I know Rebecca needs to have support in terms of travelling wherever she's going. Rebecca cannot initiate the invitation for people to come over or to be part of her circle or to go to some social activity. So, families need to be involved in that way and oftentimes because, in our situation Rebecca needs an accessible space that she can move around in in her wheelchair, oftentimes people are coming to our house and she can't go to our house. So it's not a complete balance and the families really have to be supportive of that.

