# COMPLICATION: Justin seeks place in society

# RESOLUTION: Justin finds job and friend

# CI: With perserverance and teachers who can wring kindness from strangers, people with different brains can join and contribute to society, teaching us much about ourselves in the process.

# Building natural supports, finding friends, job, communication, community learning, development thru life, sexuality

# Justin gets laid off from dream job (August 12, 1989 – September, 2010

## Justin decides he wants to be independent (birth-june, 2009, high school graduation)

### Justin’s parents try to “fix” him

#### Justin’s parent’s sacrifice

### Justin is not a savant, like guy who can draw cities by just looking at them. He is fast though. Dis and WB characters his faves. Fantasia, Pinocchio

### 7 kids – 3 down, 2 autism, 1 other

### Mt jealous of people with physical disabilities, more accepted, more easy to know how to accommodate (despite huge uphill battle)

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Shattuck: we’re in a time right now dominated by 3 trends ignored. A soci inc diverse reacially and culturally . perc white going down. Multi-decade trend toward econ inequality. Last but not least, aging demographic structure. Hitting sixties now. 3 huge social shifts that have been happening. These things matter in terms of individ devmnt. Poverty is bad for you. Being poor is not good for u. we know access to all kinds o services vary by . aging. How do people’s lives change as they age? Kids in high school, aging out of eligibility for special ed services. Research art from 2007. What we found. Adults with autism like the rest of us. Small improvements in behavior and learning. **Developmental delay does not mean developmental arrest.** Continue to dvp new things. Policy env where special education is by far the most universal. In any given year 12-13% of all kids are enrolled in special ed. There is no corresponding fed-entitled package of supports once u leave the nest of high school. Services last year.

The tricky thing with talking about autism is we have this incred diverse . some could have iq of 150, some 50. Some could be v viable, others not say a word. Hard to grapple with the level of diversity there. For some people, contrib. member of society means they go on to college. I think about a third of the kids. Some kind of vocational or 2 yr college. The tricky thing for young people with aut is not nec the smarts. The social interaction. The barriers to employment and successful college partic aren’t cognitive. Th ebarrier is decoding human social interaction. Communicating with ur peers. Interacting with env in. the challenge is adult services area is we have a mismatch. Grew out of an era, 40s 50s 60s when state depts. Of dvmntal disabilities started as state depts. Of mental retardation. Looking to serve people with low IQ, sheltered workshiop, be “prod membs of soc” . those systems were not des and are stills trug to cope with a gen of young people with low to normal iq but low eq, have difficulty interacting with people that is the nature of hetire sisabliity. How do we support people to succeed ina job. For young people with autism how do I put things togetherin in the right order, theier chall is I shouldn’t stand half an inch a way from this person and comment that their ears are too small. Lots of agencies rolling out programs. Experimental. Getting the point that the kye thing for these young people striving to succeed in educ and dytpic job setting s is interacting tith the social interact. There’s a social ocmpontn that has tocome.

In the lingo of special ed. Individualized. Parents are their child’s case manager. Some have the economic wherewithal to where that mantle to do that job effectively. States need to be revisiting their guidelys for supporting adults with disabilities. Who do we serve. The kinds of supports we provide are not so overwhelmingly anchored to IQ and what are called “functional abilities.’’ Can u tie ur shoes, buy groceries. Many state programs for adults with disabilities have something called a functional screen. A screening tool that measures how indep people are in terms of their daily skills. That made a lot of sense but the ironic historic thing that we’re running into is it’s a good news bad news thing. The good news is over the last couple of decades, we’ve gotten very good at training people successful on daily living skills. We have these behave interventions that work. Tie shoes use toilet. We’re good at that. Job done. The bad news is we’ve gotten good at triainng how to do. They may not qual for services. So good that may not meet the eligibility standards est in a bygone era when we weren’t as successful in translating those skills into achieveable goal. There’s a mismatch.ew’ve got this eligibility determination and services architecture. Not unique to autism. Back to historic shift we’re in the midst of . we don’t live in an industrial society. Post-war era, training tpeople to go work on an assembly line. We wanted industrial workers. If u had an IQ of 80 no reason u can’t go work on an aseembly line. We have a service econ where the vast major of jobs. Fund task is interacting effectively with other people. And u might even make the arg, people with an aut disorder whose fund disability is human interaction. Functionally more disabled now than they might have been 50 years ago becs nature of work is difft. If we’re not making changes in our policies and vocational training systems we’re fudn doing a disservice to young people not just who have aut but have all kinds of disabilities. Intervention techs and methodologies we’ve done mastering colors and tie skills. Applied to social skill deficits intrinsic to autism. The parent advocates so amazing. Think about autism as a public health . this gen of parents has done an incredible job, private founds, shaking money tree at NIH for intervention research. We’re just now beg to reap the benefits of that two-decade trend. We’re getting better at training young people with autism to succeed socially. Some of those are learnable skills for large perc of people on aut spectrum. They may never be naturals. They may always be stilted and awkward. But can they learn u don’t stand half an inch away? Yes. Ever be able to read a room? Maybe not. Learn enough to succeed become ‘contrib membs of soci’ yes. We can help a lot of these people succeed . social skills. Intetervention. Google scholar social skills intervention. Cathy lord. The albert Einstein world of aut research. Huge summary of what we know about intervention in autism.

Hav’ent realy made sense of it. As scientists, can’t say this this this and this. Special ed has changed. Prior to 1990s, no eligibility carve out for kids with autism. Trem growth . what’s going on with resp to risk and the environment.. an undifferentiated mass of people who have low IQ. Now we have hunds and hunds of distinct, identified idiopathic pathways that can lead to low IQ. Autism is a trem diverse and heterogeneous cond. No common cause. Mult autism. So it’s not imposs to imagine. That some subset of people who have aut, some environmental trigger. 13 boxes. Once ur thru the door, ind. Special edge individuals with special disabilities education act. Orig handicapped. Traumatic brain injury. Developmental delay. Different needs. Than hearing impairment. As profs, we know more.

5-10 years of life. The major of our lives is spent in adulthood. But major of focus spent on first. Scientific opty ocst there. Other areas of inquiry. Following people as they age thru adulthood has paid off scientifically. Led to . what might we be missing out on.

2005: Star Ledger article

Hi, my name is Justin canha, I’m an artist and I’m famous becs of the newspaper

Hi my name os just cnaha I’m famous becs of the newspaper but I’m not arrogant

From the heart no filter no how am I going to sound.

### Gordley:

april gordley: in some areas he may not ever have the means to und it like I would any more. People with autism don’t show personal emotion they are v focused on themselves. Kate would be in here with just pick up a book of my artwork and asay this is what prof gordely does he would look on it for about 10 seconds and then pick up his book and show. Some of that is never going to go away. I kept hearing that over and over people with autism don’t show emotion it’s not a mech they have. He’d say prof gordley, it’s so good to see you. Or say, prof gord I’m so sad that class is going to end. That was very touching to me. Of course i

### Justin graduates from “real’’ high school, also all of kate’s kids graduated

### MT letter to administration: I as a parent can’t…

### April 23, 2009, JCC exhibit, meets Paloma, 10,

# Dare to dream poster “single’’ – not sure where it came from, but “too complicated.’’

# FIND HIS OWN VOICE

## Justin shoots for dream job (June, 2009 – July, 2010)

### Justin gets dream job

#### Justin has busy schedule, but so far no perfect job for him

. It’s sad when they go home on Fridays they wont leave house until it’s tiem to go back to school.

Small victories, to avoid talking to himself on the street, classical music

#### Randy agrees to interview

##### Maria Teresa tells K article in newspaper about local anm studio

##### Kate sends letter to Randy, calls beginning in sept 2009

##### In December, 2009, card with Sidecars

#### Justin aces interview, in Justin’s way

##### Justin shows passion

###### Justin shakes Randy’s hand

###### Justin asks Randy what his favorite animation is

###### Justin shows reverence for Randy’s Jungle Book tattoo

At one point Randy asked Justin how he kept his focus when doing his art and Justin explained that he didn’t really know, but that he thought it was his brain. He also explained that he liked to listen to classical music (definitely not rock) on his IPOD. Justin was very much at ease and connected quickly with Randy – for starters the interview room had posters of Mr. Rogers, Jim Henson andKermit, Walt Disney and Mickey – it was like a match made in heaven, really. Randy was also very relaxed with him. The two artists were quiet, but very interested and let us take the lead.

 Randy sez: The first person who ever got excited about animation r cartoons. We’ve interviewed many people but he got excited about it. \*I’m\* excited about it.

“oh hi randy.’’ He shook my hand, that was very appropriate Those things u would usually elicit thru my asking q’s , not thru someone else being an agent. It was almost like I was talking ot an artist and his manger, a talent and his manager inst of just the talent. I go into those meeting th eopp way where my manager will talk instead of me but weird from a prospective intern and his having his agents with thim. He was really lovable in an innocent kind of way. From time to time he would rock a little and he would go somewhere else. But he w. I was trying to get a handle on his processing. Is he

So I would answer the q quickly. about what my fave animation was or my favorite movie. I have a ballou the bear tattoo. The jungle book a Disney animated film and ballou . ballouw playing the guitar on my shoulder that kind of was fun. Interaction. I don’t normally pull out my tattoos in an interive.w that’s beautiful! I think they were . I noticed when he speaks to christine or leselie or kate there is deftly a different tone. And energy to the conv than when he’s talking to Javier or Michael. Javier is the one who really directs him. He asked me what my favorite Disney animation was that’s the exact phrae. I said my fave Disney animated film was jungle book and my favorite char of all time is ballou the bear. He said oh I like that one too. That was released in 1969 .i go that was walt disney’s last film that he was involved in. he said oh. I said as a matter of fact let me show u how much I love the film and I pulled down my sleeve and showed it. the girls giggles. He went, oh, that’s beaufiful and then he touched it. another funny line we were talking about our hair. I said something about the haircut. I said we’ve got the same haircut in peole might think ur a better looking version of me, and he goes yeah. He was really confirming that we had the same hair, he didn’t get the humor.

##### Randy is wowed by J’s composition book

### Justin succeeds moderately at dream job

K, what are you going to do when you get to night stand j?

J, I will greet

K, and are you just going to say hello?

J, I will greet randy, Michael and Javier

K, yes, when you use people’s names, it makes them feel more like you care.

some things you need to remember about work, j?

k, what are some other things you need to remember about work J?

J: I will follow Javier.

J, I will greet

#### Like a lot of people, javier kenw someone with autism. Or say that about the animal shelter Javier’s mom had worked with autistic people at preschool, he was good with numbers and computers

#### Used to be autistic school below

#### Makes conversation with Javier & Michael [this is good but they still are not his friends]

Javi: on Sunday I am going to see alice in wonderland

J; tim burton’s alice? Tim burton’s alice is creepy. Is so CRREPy.

Family guy’s pukeathon. Whoever goes the longest without puking gets the last piece of pie in the fridge.

Javi: was that the ep they were on the couch throwing up in the livinfoom. Brian and chris stewey.

#### Tinosaurs seem almost too good to be true

Randy gave me a feedback (see realchrono)

## Justin teaches and learns in other areas ( but doesn’t make friends) PROGRESS AND SETBACKS: maybe start with Julian warning, so he took cake decorating.

So much less pacing and making loud shooging noises and bombs. His ipad. Ipod. He’s becoming

### doesn’t click with Alex

That was VERY clear to me when we went to the Bronx Zoo with Alex, the young man with Down Syndrome I wrote to you about yesterday.   While we were there, Justin, Alex and I, a staff person from the zoo approached us and asked us if we needed anything, if they could assist us with anything. I was amazed and realized at that moment that NEVER had anybody anywhere ever offered us assistance when I was with Justin! It was a real eye opener for me.  I don't remember exactly when that was, but I would say 2-3 years ago. Hope that helps :-)

### Socializing the cats, friendships with other kids haven’t worked,

The cats know me, I’m a cat lover. I cuddle them. The cats know me. They come and cuddle me. They purr.

### Jessica Montclair mentors, schreck, Brazilian au pair, kate, TA

### May 14, 2010, julian’s graduation “why are you interrupting my independence?”

### Ed Murrs’ class – teaches others, kind of friends but not really, but learning to take criticism, NATURAL SUPPORT

I know aesop’s fables. Ed doesn’t realize. I’ve seen how offputting that is. It makes me sigh with relief when someone just goes with it and doesn’t get frustrated by that or annoyed. Tortoise and hare

PINOCCHIO!!!!

Orders kids around

### Nightstand folds

### Ddd funding threatened, feb 2010

### April, 2010, takes cake decorating with Briant

### March, 2010, social, “Crazy!” comp book, “not in a bad way, in a good way” but still not FRIENDS,

### March, 2010, Julian only applies to EC law schools

### MT

### May, 2010 IEP meeting

2010, week of may 5, IEP meeting

MT: Did you know that just was o nhis own for four days.

J: I did an excellent job

K, what is it that you like about the library Justin?

J, I like to sweep books and put books in order.

K, would you be interested in trying a new library? Like th emontclair state library? Since mont pub lib is closed Mondays.

Mt, have to say I’m really concerned

J, why are u feeling concerned about me and the pub library.

Mt, becs we want u to have an actual job.

EMPHASIS ON JOB

### May, selected new comp book with stripes on it.

Staples has more comp books 2010, may, end A few weeks ago. Staples. I said Justin can’t u go to cvs, cvs has comp books. He said no, stapbles has more. Different comp book. It has stripes on it. he’s making changes. Opening up the books looking inside touching them back and forth bback and forth.

### June 15, bad dream

2010, june 15 He had a nightmare. I was talking to him about, we’re preparing for adult life, ur not going to have as much free time and vacation time as u have now, I know a lot of the kids exiting the system now. The vacation time they get is the vcaction time the store gives them. I said if u really like t ohav ur vac in aug, u can cont -- 7am, Bryant still in bed. He had a terr nightmare, abou growing up and death. Parents death and my death. I said what do u mean. He said I’m scared and afraid. He was crying. I had to calm him down. We talked about it at dr. selbst. I don’t thnk before it ever registered in the sense that he’ll be on his own in the sense that braynt and I wont be there anymore, and it was scary. He has juliean, he has his cousins, he has god, we’re all going to die someday. He’s just beg to realize cert things about life. But then he was ok, we talked aout it. it was like, what’s ur goal, how do u want to live ur life. Just says he wants to be healthy and he wants to go to heaven. Ok. Let’s take ur emotion out. We’ve been going regularly, ev other week. I’ll ask kate if there’s anything that’s come up that she wants us to address.

# Justin forges friendship with Gower (July 2010- Feb 2011)

What gower likes:

Oct 31, kate tries to coordinate Halloween together, gower doesn’t go

Cartoons that are done by Hannah Barbara and nickelodeon cartoons on tv.

2011, more gower: He asks in a funny. Sadly, in 2006, William Barbara passed away. They’re funny when he says it. Whenever I’m around hm, I see a true sense of humor.

Confusion over bowling

How come I can’t say “barney and Friends is a worst TV series of all time” to the children? 1/14/11 9:54

g barney and friends when I was 10 years old because my mother was tired and exhausted of barney. If I say that phrase it will upset the kids. I be very careful of Wikipedia. Some articles about things that might upset the children. Like barney is one of the worst tv series of all time.

I searching, tv series the worst and films considered the worst.

Go on Wikipedia nad ull find out when u get home.

January 21, 2011

Needs to be facilitated. Right now he has school. He has to show up here ev single day and interact w/people it’s so impt to his growth as a person. One of my things I’m going to try to convey to his parents today that he spend time with his classmates becs it’s not a priority in their opinion. Gower and j dvpign a nice relationship. Reciprocal conv for 45 mins that’s huge. In a lot of social sits just will want to talk about his stuff and then he wants to go and that’s not going to help him dvp rels with people. You have to ask qs of other people. Their social competence going to be a huge gauge on whether competent and accepted. U can’t just do it in social skills group. That’s great. All formal teaching how to interact and be in a group he’s going to hlearn by having to do it every day.

We have tried to convey to mt and b the ipct of his. Mt’s insist is to have every minute booked. We don’t want to call it social skills dvmnt lesson. So she’ll buy it. I want her to buy it so she unds it. She has commented like just at thanksgiving brough a sampling of cookies he had made a lot of cousins nd relatives shared how talkative jsutin was. Having something that he makes that he can share that is understandable to all people is huge. For him to be able to bring cookies and hsare them and alk about how he made them appeals to little one to big one.

The psychologist just introducedstarted the day, b

Mt wasn’t sure he should spend the day that way. School psych met in relaxed setting. Put tables tog. Exp to all these kids that evone grieves in difft ways. U might feel ok today feel sad tmrw.

A lot of just quiety time. Time difft kids shared. Maurice was born in sept of 1990 and he died in January of 2011. That was a short life span for Maurice. Maurice likes elmo and sponge bob square pants but sadly he passed away. Talked about drawing a picture of his horse rocky.

and look at my records and say why has thi kid been working and not getting paid. We’ve had a couple of sits where the employer is only int in free labor. Dunkin donuts in upper Montclair. Were willing to have kids come in and pump out work but I don’t use that as a site anymore.

September – mt went on the job. Emailed evone she could think of. Do u know of a bakery that does good fondant work. Leslie did go to one of his fondant classes. A little nervous. A lot of org to be in that class. Maria Teresa putting out all the feelers. Sending to me, this bakery that bakery all really far. Morristown. Far. I would check them out look on web site, made some phone calls. Really specialized fondant cake work. I said mt I think we hve to start with something local. I started hitting local bakeries, doing my schpiel. Gencarells. I had to go a few times. Did I get lucy. They kept saying, none of the owners are here. I left my packet of information which I don’t normally do becs I’v learned it oft gets filed. One day I walked in Vincent was in front of bakery. Hi I’m this person who’s been coming in. want to meet with u about my program. He and his siter and leslie and me.

Dunkin Donuts, won’t use them anymore, won’t hire kids on, do it for free labor. (could use above too).

We had the meeting asked him real spec qs. I said after I finished and hebasically agreed to doing an internship. At the end I have to bring up the fact the stud has special educational needs. I

. Just made a great impr. He looked around. ‘wow u have so many beautiful cookies. It smells really good in here. These were just justin thngs. Just sold himself pretty qucly in terms of that swee part of his perontiy. Vincent was like alright let’s start on tues. we start with 2 days/week. Leslie and me. Till xmas. Christine. Just has 2-3 hrs on his own at a stint.

My baloney has a first name it’s homer

My baloney has a second name it’s homer

Fall/winter 2010-2011

Gower remembers that at first we were facilitating a lot - the guys cooked together and ate the lunch they prepared. They also went to the Willowbrook Mall twice with one of our staff - Nasir was helping them to see what they had in common, as well as facilitating the conversation. Justin in particular needs to work on reciprocity....although he has made some nice progress over the years (thanks to inclusion and honest feedback). With Gower, we are trying to teach him to assert himself a little more. He is learning to be more comfortable saying things like "hey Justin, let's talk about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" or reminding Justin that they have already talked about something before. For example, when Justin repeatedly asks "Gower, why do you like Family Guy?" or whatever it might be.  Justin listens to Gower b/c he really values the friendship. When Justin walks into a room when Gower is present, his greeting is so enthusiastic......the way one might greet a friend they haven't seen in a long time....it is unlike any other greeting he gives anyone else; it is terrific to observe.

“my talent is for drawing small,’ j tells gower. ‘people like me to draw big.’

Whether vincent’s nephew having autism was a plus or not kate was not so sure. As was her habit, she didn’t bring it up till the end. Diana exchanged looks. Vincent wanted to see him.

It took weeks to get the interview, to point where relations between K & MT, usually close, had frayed. MT wanted fancy bakery, K wanted local bakery.

## Kate looks for another job for Justin

### One bakery rejects Maria Teresa

### Kate tells Maria Teresa Justin will benefit from time with peers

#### Maria Teresa pressures Kate

### Kate pesters Gencarelli’s

#### Kate rejects Dunkin Donuts

### Justin charms them, ‘ you have so many beautiful cookies here.’ And no one had been a

## Meanwhile…Justin works on carnivorous plants

### Scene at Ben’s

#### “unfortunately, Fiddler on the Roof has a SAD Ending.’’

## And…Northeast, Putrino: .

On a character educ piece, we’re the ones at an adv having just here. Our studs are walking away with the opty to work with somebody. Everybody has a difference. Even fran, before she started the program she was very apprehensive about it. U don’t know what ur getting into. She would come to me and say you should see what we did in class today. She became a better teacher she learned how to work with him. Next year he comes back without kate as a support. We’re already discussing

## December, 2010, justin finishes Montclair course, MT wants him to get another one “learning more in the art field that he could apply to a job.’’ Should take a course in illustrator. You learn to draw on the computer. But they didn’t have an illustrator course. Kate said, a lot for him to learn on many levels at the salv army.

## Justin makes

PALOMA: But then a few years later we met up at another exhibit at the Salmagundi Art Club (last year) where her artwork and Justin's were featured in the "Strokes of Genius" Exhibit. I got to speak to her Mom at length and found out that Paloma (who has Aspergers) has been "following" Justin via his website and God knows how else!  So we decided that the 2 of them should get together often to share their artwork and to foster their friendship. We have met maybe 3 times since then. On one of these occasions Paloma showed Justin her composition book which she acquired so that she could be like Justin. It was SO sweet and touching! Also, since Paloma loves foxes, and so does Justin he made a beautiful drawing for her full of different foxes (cartoon and real foxes) and gave it to her for her birthday.  Though Justin is 21 and she is only 14 I really see this as a friendship that is going places. They have the same passions and she is a cartoonist as well and Justin is her "inspiration".

march or april, MT picks gower up to take him to movies with J, gower is laughing, she braces for the idea he is laughing at justin, but he his not, he is laughing WITH justin Gower came into the car, justin was knocking knocking, waiting for gower to cme out. He would knock, ring the doorbell. Gower was laughing I said gower, what’s so funny? Something that justin said. It was not a making fun. It was appreciating justin’s humor, which was so nice. He’s patient with justin. Listens to justin’s questions.

The biggest thing I think he knows. I even made a comment to one of our job coaches about trivia . u know brooks, I think if there were ever a trivia contest about cartoons, justin would win. Justin heard that and he said, ‘thanks gower.’ Justin and I were going to be cooking together. We were in front of the a&p. the movie fantasia came out in 1940. Roy e Disney walt disney’s nephew

# Justin finds a place, if not the ideal place

# J

# January 21, 2011 tense meeting, 4 months left

Kate, let’s say you get $18,000/year from DDD after your interview. “self-directed day money”. Easter seals. Supposedly $15/hr is what these people get. They say you can hire anybody you like. We know we’re going to have to pay them $25/hr.

JOHN from DVRS.

Why are we cont if there’s no future.

Bakery and library.

Randy doesn’t think justin ideally cut for being an animator. He sees just’s strength

We don’t have anything else. Jerry’s or petco. We don’t see a future. At the bakery he’s already not dec cookies anymore. Who knows. Fncy cake shop in Hoboken. Small env. People the same. Own bench. Music above. 20 days

Mt, foot bouncing.

Briant drink water

Bria

Brittle. Briant drinking water.

“we’re getting a head of ourselves”

“focus on what’s in front of us”

I told u I need the water to stay awake. If u let me drink it, I’ll stay awake.

Ro-to-scoping

Want a coordinator.

As much as I would want u to be the one to do that. (begins to cry)

Why u crying. Why u cryig why. Mom whats the matter with u. don’t feel upset mom. Mom don’t feel upset. I’m here. Briant reaches over.

Why don’t u give mom a hug.

No that’s ok

I would be honored to.

Yr hired

I have to get going, because of the clock.

Yr going frm an entitely ment, public education, to something that is not an entitelmnt. But we’ve done some great planning. For just to have to interact with people. Jerry’s. briant puts arm around her.

# “that’s just wrong!’’ I don’t ever want to have a baby.

# Feb 2, 2011, Justin is offered real job at the bakery

# Cue card for punching in clocking out

# No self-talking in the bakery

Gets biggest paycheck, is excited 2011, march teens - $101.03 biggest check ever from bakery

It was a fun appt I am so exc to go on a van to work in the future. Oh no, in case I run out of money I’ll be doomed in the future. Access link, have to pay too. Oh, no. what was the really fun thing we were going to do? I feel worried about no money in the future for me. I feel worried about the money getting subtracted in the future.

Subtracted for what

Paying for things

What kind of things

Anything

Like paying for food in the grocery stores

One thing miss Wallace and I really want to work with you on is doing that budget. I’ve observed him counting his money a lot. A couple of studs have paid employment. Olivia. She’s got her paycheck now.

Let’s say u get a paycheck that’s $270 a week.

I put it in the bank.

Then how much for lunches

Maybe $50

Fun for the week

Just: I want to be rich in the future. That’s my goal. I want to be a rich person.

We’ve been doing a lot of self-advocacy activities this fall. Each kid wrote an “I am” poem. Laminated put a ribbon on for holidays.

So I can pay bills. So I can buy food from grocery stores.

Having the money he needs to purch the things he needs.

My goal is I want to be a v v rich person.

Like going out to a restaurant.

Art supplies. ‘yes, that’s it.’’

Oh my gosh we only have 4 mos left. She gets caught up. Sometimes she needs to take a step back. For us to remember too that we have to exp.

Gower what’s the most higherst grossing film of 2009?

Avatar

Gower, I feel happy toy story 3 is one of the highest grossing movies of 2010

And it carries a g rating, one of the few movies that does these days

The sorc app in what show is yensid?

He just do u remember when we wwent ot spec friends day at Montclair univ and we hear dthat song someday my dreams wil come true u know what movie that’ from don’t u justin?

Snow white and the seventh dwarfs

# Ariel has become natural support

Keep springles straight.

Ariel – coaching. Justin, tell me how ur ging to make that cookie? Get out ur paper we’re going to write it down.

Yes éclairs

Meringue

Frozen egg yolks. Making egg yolks is so cold. For the truffles.

Burning sugar. Huge batches boling sugar. Hobart mixer. Occupational health and safety guidelines. None of my studs working in hazardous situations.

# Inflection point 1 – “ok Gower” re sexuality – may, 2011

# possibilities” curriculum about sexuality, justin hates it. Justin, what are our expectations of taking turns, shouting out. Justin “OK, Gower”

# april: possibilities” curriculum about sexuality, justin hates it. Justin, what are our expectations of taking turns, shouting out. justin

# Inflection point 2 -- talking about something that is not in his area of interest, looking up at blue sky

# Inflection point 3 – advocating for himself, not settling “I still want to be an animator-illustrator’’

# RESOLUTION: Justin keeps trying

# Arcs

# Communication

## “Thanks for talking,”hang up

## Hang up on kate’s vmail

## Selbst, practicing, explain confusion

## March, 2010, spring break Leave kate a message

2010, end of march, justin leaves kate vmail

Hello – I wanted to talk to kate about – how is- uh, how is – how is the day, in florida? See you later!

Hel-lo I was a little bit confused about going near whole foods and going to Montclair high school to night stand creations. Please call me back, good bye!

## Failure to text when parents are away for Julian’s grad “why are u interrupting my independence?”

## Texting GOWER

## Turns into texting leslie: i’m done at the bakery, please pick me up

# Building natural supports

## Library exhibit 🡪 library shelving

## Javier “sometimes people need permission’’

## randy

## MSU Mentor Jessica

## MSU class Jessica

## Other people at MSU class

## Gordley

## Murrs

It makes me sigh with relief when someone just goes with it and doesn’t get frustrated by that or annoyed. Tortoise and hare

## Mother of child who had justin as a teacher who Justin comforted

## Ariel

## CVS woman

2010 (COULD MOVE NOT SURE OF TIME) Another stranger thing: he goes to CVS on bloomfield buys composition books, erasers, lead for pencils. He’s in and out of there quite a bit. When we were starting to work with ihm on money skills, rounding up to the highest dollar. Rather than I have to walk t othe cashier and give them money. It’s more like is he really caring that much about it. it’s worked for people to hand over my money and people give me my change back. People can’t always be trusted to give the hcnage ack. Also u come off with more dignity if u are counting. Jstin says, what does that mean. What is dignity. Well it comes up that u und how much money u have and htat u care htat ur giving her the correct amt and she’s giving u the right change.

She says oh yes I know him, he’s been coming here for a long time, I’m glad to know his name. so when she addresses him as Justin, it gets his attention. That was a good thing to do becs she then started when I would go in there saying, Justin, how much money are u supposed to be. We stand behind the kids so they’re the firs tperson interacting, try to guide as subtly as we can. I was sying to Justin, wait a minute, he was about to hand over his whole wad of money, I say but Justin , we just talked about that how much do u need to give her? $7.

Oh, hi, do you know Justin? She said oh sure I know Justin, he comesin all the time and buys his lead and erasers. I said, if Justin comes in a lot he’s learning how to figure out his money and how to hand oer the proper amount instead of way too much. She was, hey Justin, how are you. He would answer.

## Deli guy

He’s the thing he got really mad at me about. No more introductions miss Wallace. I introduced hm to the bagel guy. He knows randy. If he’s going to be coming in here 2x / week sometimes buying something, sometimes not. I made him go up and be introduced to the manager. He was mad at me. No more introductions miss Wallace. You have to do it. I didn’t get that read from him. I was like ooh this could go bad. Now he calls Justin by name, we went in there. I said, just is doing an internship with randy across the street. When I came back, Justin hadn’t come in yet. I am going to tell you that he has autism becs sometimes with the social cues I don’t want u to think you can’t communicate with him. It is social. I don’t want. I think . he does have autism so I don’t want you to misinterpret. He unds you he’ll be able to cmmt. His social skills ight be difft from what yr used to.

## People at the Y

## People at the salvation army

# finding friends

## middle school admirers

## Thomas, MT organized outings

## They abandoned him in HS “they’re busy’’

## Connor, tried to get him to have lunch, didn’t show up

## Actual meanness

## MT happy, at least, that he doesn’t have Asperger’s

Alex in transition program, doesn’t click: With Alex (from the Transition Program) I tried to get Justin and Alex together over the years. It was very hard to get something going (I don't think his Mom was that interested in the friendship because Justin has a disability and she was mostly interested in friendships with typical peers

 I was able to take Alex to the zoo with Justin and they did both enjoy it. After that she never "invited" Justin to do anything with Alex and since Justin and Alex did not have that much in common AND I'm sure Justin had difficulty understanding Alex (his speech is hard to understand,

## Paloma, fan, 14

## Gower

# Job

## Lofty goals, pixar, sesame street, Disney, school of visual arts

## gallery

## Julian warning

## Nightstand

## Bakery

## Gallery show

## still wants more

# community learning

# development thru life

# sexuality

## dare to dream poster in june 2009: “single”

## march, 2010 “too complicated” -- I feel overwhelmed

## in convs with MT, like driving—too complicated

## refer to friends arc “he also picked up his first fan” -- paloma

## acting out in sexuality class

## “ok gower”

## She drew for him, he drew for her. Paloma was wearing a fake fox tail. Justin drew a water color with foxes. Red hair. “fox and the child.’’ They invited us xmas caroling. Justin loves xmas carols. Except justin got laryngitis. Hung out at paloma’s house. In the winter. Closer to the exhibit. Justin was excited to see her at his exhibit. We ‘re going to meet nxt Saturday. At one point as we were walking thru the Chelsea mkt, just was grabbing paloma’s arm. The next thing u know, he held her hand. That immediately caught mayra’s attn. she said, do u think j’s into having gf’s? I said I don’t think u shud read anything into that. But today, on our way out to space farm. I had a really serious convo. I said u don’t do that except with a gf. He said oh, sorry, my mistake. I said how do u like paloma, in a special way like a gf or like a friend? He said she’s a friend. You’re going to want to hug and kiss. He said I’ll never kiss paloma. I said in the future it’s better for u not to hold her hand. It was v innocent. I think she’s 13. We had a teachable moment. When we went to her house, paloma brought out a comp book. She said. Paloma bought it becs she wanted ot be like jstin. We stopped in a cake shop. Cartoon cakes, cupcakes. Paloma loves jelly beans. I bought her some jbs. Justin started talking about cartoon films that became real movies. Both paloma and mayra was into the convo. If I asked something he said mom, don’t be interested. It was ok for mayra to be in the convo but not me. Justin went thru a whole list. If a movie flops at the box office. Mom don’t be interested. Drawing like some people knit.