Benjamin Await: This is where the magic happens. I got all these costumes, all these things.

Pizza Rat: Hi there. How you doing?

Brooke Myers-Await: Benjamin just turned 11. He loves art. He's creative, he's involved in theater.

Christine Nordahl: Benjamin is a participant in the Autism Phenome Project. The Autism Phenome Project has been federally funded since 2011, and it's a longitudinal study of children with autism. What we want to do is look for early predictors of later outcomes.

Brooke Myers-Await: Knowledge is power. It's super important to just continue to learn more so we can better support people with autism. I don't think I can say enough good things about the mind. That's one of the few places where Benjamin can be 100% authentically himself.

Benjamin Await: I felt seen. It was just a happy experience.