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Crafting a Community
To Last a Lifetime

What?

- Cost-free, professional-supported online/local hybrid autism community
- Goal: promoting quality of life
- Uses organic collaborative approach
- In person meetings for recreation and sharing ideas and experiences
- Online component allows for networking, promoting diversity and curbing isolation

Social Gathering for Adults Living with Autism (Social GALA)
Who?

- Members include:
  - Adolescents & adults on the autism spectrum
  - Dedicated professionals
  - Trainees/students pursuing a career dedicated to those on the autism spectrum
  - Committed friends and family members
  - Other allies, professional/non-professional
  - Child Study Center autism specialists

When and Where?

- Meetings on near weekly basis
  - Driven by purpose and demand
    - Schedules will vary by subgroup, most monthly
      - Social Gathering for Adults Living with Autism (GALA)
      - Matched Groups for Children, Adolescents, and Adults
      - Multiplayer Game Night and more!

- Yale Child Study Center
  - 230 S Frontage Rd, New Haven, CT 06519
  - Standard meetings: Senn Conference Room
  - Large events: Cohen Auditorium
  - Small group: Solnit Conference Room

Total members 2014-2019

78 91 0 11 12
April 2019

Community Autism Socials at Yale (CASY)

• https://www.meetup.com/ProjectCASY/
• https://www.facebook.com/DrRogerJou
• https://www.linkedin.com/in/DrRogerJou
• https://twitter.com/DrRogerJou

Parent feedback

• Project CASY has made a HUGE difference in her life. She loves going...now she can't wait for next one. She now has friends...her age and similar abilities. She even has a social life because they often meet for lunch or to go to the movies or for house parties. So in such a short time...such change for her...positive change!!

Parent feedback

• Wait, he was leading the Yankee swap??
• I have never seen him do this before!
• They didn't want to go, but as soon as they walked in, they were like “WOW.”
• Where have you been my entire life??
• She really likes it...she gets excited and won't stop talking about it!
• We all went to Comic Con together

Support group for adults by adults

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