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Ellis: I'm learning that, like, it's okay to be friends with an elder. It's not weird. My name is Ellis Miller and I'm in the iGEN program.

Patrick: So, my name is Patrick and I'm with the COVID in the House of Old Project. And we just wanted to hear a little bit about your story about COVID,

Ellis: Like during COVID, I kind of felt like unsocialized kind of? Like with my family, because I didn't get to see my family much. Yeah, I think I saw my grandma and grandpa, uhm ... maybe like, four times during 2020? And yeah. I could only see my brother, and my mum and dad. So, I couldn't see... Like my grandma and grandpa. And yeah. Uhm... And, so, uhm...

But my great grandpa, he fought in the war, and he had to go to a care home for two years. And like, that he was kind of stuck in a fence, like, like in a little house. So, he couldn't, like, we could, we had to stand six feet back from the fence. And, uhm, like, we would just go out there, bring some blankets, uhm... And some chairs, and just chat with him, and show him some pictures and tell him what we've done that summer. Yeah.

Patrick: You're in the IGen program now.

Ellis: Yep.

Patrick: Yeah. And do you have an elder partner?

Ellis: Uhm, like a special elder?

Patrick: Yeah. A special elder.

Ellis: Uhm... No, I don't. But uhm, I, this elder... Her name is Angela. She came into Sherbrooke not too long ago, maybe like a week ago. What, it was on Tuesday that she came in. And I think me and her are already really good friends. So, like, we do graduation at the end of the year. I think it's on the 14th this year. So, she's, and we're gonna pick an elder, so she's probably gonna be my special elder for graduation.