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Name of study: Searching for Visual Strengths in Autistic Children

Institution: Boston College

Location: Boston College or your home

Eligibility Criteria: Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ages 5-18

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Dear Parents:

Your child is invited to participate in our research exploring visual-perceptual strengths in children with autism. We know that autistic children often have strong visual-spatial skills. This study will help parents discover whether their child has artistic strengths. If a child is found to have artistic ability, this is a strength that can be built on and that can bring joy and self-esteem to the child.

Your child will be asked to make a paper-and-pencil drawing from observation for 15 minutes, and complete some game-like puzzles and perceptual tasks. The total amount of time required for this study is about 2 hours, and we give children breaks whenever they wish.

You may bring your child to our child-friendly lab at Boston College or, if you prefer, we can come to your home.

Children who participate in the study are enrolled in a lottery for a \$25 gift certificate to Amazon.com. All children receive an electronic copy of their drawing in a jpeg file, which can then be printed and framed, and a certificate of completion.

If you are interested in participating, or simply in learning more about this study, please contact Jennifer Drake by phone (617) 552-0910 or email drakejc@bc.edu.

Sincerely,

Ellen Winner, Professor of Psychology
Jennifer Drake, Doctoral Candidate in Developmental Psychology

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