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About the Author

A passionate advocate for children with autism, Arthur Fleischmann is the founder and president of John St., a Canadian advertising agency.

Carly Fleischmann is the daughter of Arthur Fleischmann, author of Carly's Voice, which chronicles Carly's inspiring journey through the challenges of living with autism.

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