

# Know Me

NAME

*Dai' Liyah*

PASSION

*Music*

## My Story

Dai'Liyah Robinson is a happy child and truly enjoys being with others, children and adults. She lights up when others interact with her and her smile brings a smile to everyone else. Dai'Liyah is always dressed to the 9's and is a girly girl!! Dai'Liyah is a strong and resilient child from the day she was born.

She was born as a typical child but experienced a very significant head trauma at the age of 13 months. This resulted in several surgeries, including reconstruction of her skull, insertion of a g-tube for feeding, and she had a tracheostomy which required Dai'Liyah to be on a ventilator for 8 months.

Thankfully she was able to be weaned off of the ventilator and the trach tube was removed in April of 2017. Due to Dai'Liyah's head trauma and subsequent intense medical and developmental needs, Dai'Liyah was referred to Stark DD's Early Intervention program where she received the services of a developmental specialist along with physical, occupational and speech therapists.

Dai'Liyah also was assigned a service coordinator through Stark County Help Me Grow who made sure Dai'Liyah received all the services she needed as a young child.

At one point, Dai'Liyah lived for several months in an area residential facility for children with significant special needs in order to help her become more stable in all areas. During this time, her service coordinator remained involved with Dai'Liyah. In addition, a service support administrator (SSA) from Stark DD was assigned to help the family prepare for Dai'Liyah's needs once she returned home.



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Dai'Liyah also received Level 1 waiver funding from Stark DD to help with home adaptations in order for her needs to be accommodated when she came home from the residential facility.

Dai'Liyah has a very loving and supportive family who fully believe in the power of prayer. In fact, they consider Dai-Dai, as they call her, their own angel and an all around blessing.

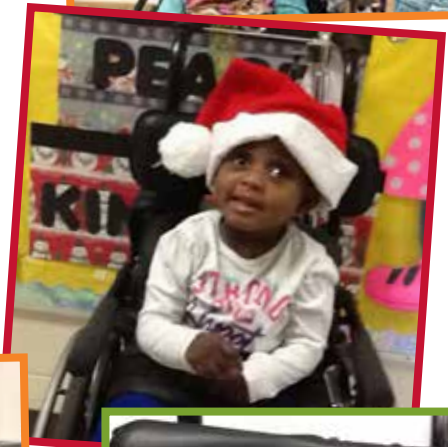
When a medical professional told the family soon after the incident that caused her head trauma that Dai'Liyah's injuries were so severe she would not survive and recommended that Dai'Liyah be removed from all life sustaining machines, the family refused. They said God was in charge and remained prayerful throughout the early touch and go times.

Despite Dai'Liyah's early trauma, she remains a pleasant and sweet little girl and is a treasure to be around.

Dai'Liyah loves music and especially loves music from the movie "Frozen", the ABC song and has joined in with the "Baby Shark" craze! Her grandmother says that Dai'Liyah just smiles and smiles when that song is played.

Dai-Dai now is enrolled in the Stark DD preschool program where she receives bussing to and from school, full day schooling, and physical, occupational and speech therapies.

Dai'Liyah is thriving at both home and school and we are all the better for having her in our lives!



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