

Know Me

NAME

Isaiah

PASSION

*Singing &
Dancing to
Music*

My Story

Hi! I'm Isaiah! I am 22 years old and I am one of 15 graduates in the Rebecca Stallman Southgate School Class of 2019.

Stark DD has helped me since I was a baby, beginning with early intervention. I attended preschool at Eastgate Early Childhood and Family Center and Southgate School since kindergarten.

I live in Jackson Township with my family. We are really close. They are very important to me. I am also very involved at my church and I enjoy preaching. I also like to sing and dance.

People say I am friendly, outgoing, and kind-hearted. I have many friends and I make new friends easily. I try to always greet people with a smile.

At school I work hard and try to help the teachers and my friends when I can. I work hard stacking chairs in the cafeteria. My teacher says I do a great job reading sight words and short stories, and that I am "awesome" at counting money. I am part of the school sign choir and love to sing and dance in the Southgate Idol contests.

While at school I've also learned to be a leader. Lesley Reed, RS Southgate School community education coordinator, said, "Isaiah has improved on his leadership skills over his high school career. He is now a role model for other students by helping them stay on track using a caring demeanor."



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As I got closer to graduation my Stark DD Service and Support Administrator (SSA) helped me figure out what type of job I wanted to do. They helped me apply and interview for a job at Giant Eagle – On the Strip. I got the job and have been working there since September. I have learned to go to school and work at the same time! GentleBrook provides a job coach who stops by to see me and I can talk to if I need help at work, but I am on the job by myself.

I ride SARTA to work and my SSA helps me buy my monthly SARTA passes. I also learned how to call and check my weekly work schedule and call SARTA to set up my rides to and from work.

I really like my job and earning money so I can pay for things I want to do. I get along with my coworkers and I like to help the customers. Once I graduate I hope I can work more hours.



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