

# Know Me

NAME *Dominique & Whitley*

PASSION *Gaming*

## Our Story

Meet Dominique Sisler, and his younger sister, Whitley, age 21. Both are employed by Walmart, each at different locations in the Stark county area. Their story is shared by parents Sheila and Roger Gines.

### Know Dominique

Dominique, age 26, loves to play video games and collects military memorabilia.

Dominique began his job development and supported employment with the Goodwill work program. However, Stark DD did not renew the contract, so Dominique and Stark DD were tasked with finding a good fit for his needs.

Gentlebrook in Hartville was their choice. Together they were successful in obtaining a position at Walmart in Box Maintenance, where he has

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been employed since early 2017. Gentlebrook made some structural changes which no longer includes the supportive employment program. Dominique along with Stark DD worked together to find yet another new supportive employment program right for his needs. Together they chose TWI. TWI has been such an asset to Dominique and our family throughout the entire transition. We could not be more pleased with TWI.

## Know Whitley

Twenty-one year old Whitley loves to play video games like her brother, and is also passionate about collecting rocks.

Whitley began her job development through Midwest Innovations to establish job skills before entering the workforce. Whitley did so well that we decided to change direction and reached out to Meadowbrook for supportive employment. Whitley began working at Walmart earlier this year. COVID – 19 happened, which limited Meadowbrook’s availability. Whitley chose to transfer services to TWI and is now receiving supportive employment through them. We appreciate all the continual care and support they continue to give both our children and look forward to a long-standing relationship.

*“Enough cannot be said about Stark DD and their incredible staff. I would like to highlight the SSA’s. SSA’s have been walking Dominique and Whitley’s journeys with us from the beginning,” said mom Sheila. “The SSA’s have been there, helping through all the changes for both Dominique and Whitley. They continue to do so without fail. Stark DD’s SSA’s are an endless source of knowledge and information that they use to inform and educate us in order that we may make the best decisions. Our family entrust our children’s present and future successes in the workplace with Stark DD as our true allies. The continuous interaction has been priceless and very much appreciated. Communication has been exceptional between Stark DD, job development, TWI and our family. What a wonderful community Stark DD has helped establish in Stark County for individuals to successfully work in the community. Each unique individual is assisted to accomplish their personal and employment goals. We truly feel blessed! WE THANK EACH ONE OF YOU!”*



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