

Know Me

NAME **Julie**

PASSION **Disney
Movies**

My Story

Meet 30-year-old Julie James. Parents Craig and Denise James explain that while Julie has never said a word, she is able to get her point across to both caregivers and family. Julie's passion is watching Disney movies, both VHS and DVDs, on her princess television. Julie's favorite movie is Bambi.

Anything Disney is her other passion. She LOVES her Disney stuffed animal characters, and her baby dolls. However, Julie's vision is failing, so it is difficult to watch her movies.

"Julie's dreams are just to be happy and regain some of her vision," said Craig. "She can still walk a bit but it is becoming very difficult. She is working on trying to do things without being able to see very well."

One of Julie's strengths is organizing. She is very good at sorting things.....simply everything. Before her vision decreased, she would organize her closet and clothes. She is also very routine oriented. Julie really likes printing pictures off the computer to sort through later.

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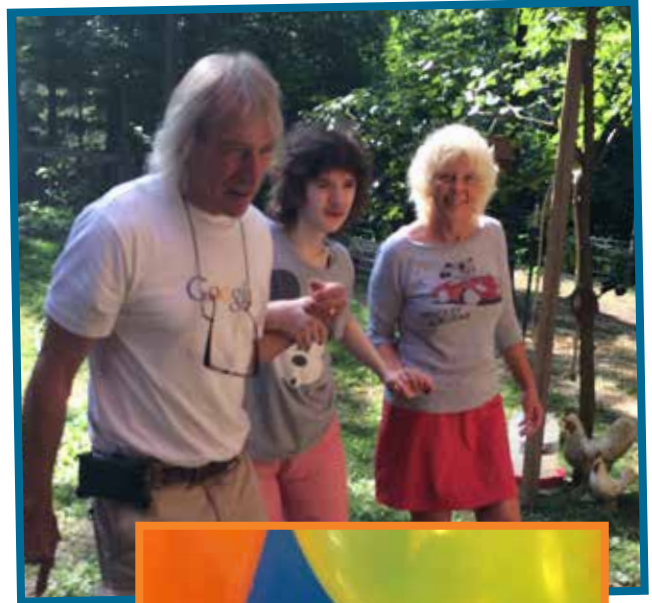
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Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities has been assisting Julie since she was very young. She attended Stark DD's Eastgate Early Childhood and Family Center Preschool program and then Stark DD's Rebecca Stallman Southgate School. She graduated in 2011. After graduation, Julie attended the The Workshops Inc. (TWi) adult day program. Recently, Julie switched to attend adult day programs at XL Developmental Services.

Stark DD continues to help Julie live her best life in the community. April Johns, Stark DD Service and Support Administrator, explained that Julie has an Individual Options Medicaid Waiver (IO Waiver) to pay for the help that Julie needs in her home, and in the community. "Julie receives Home Personal Care Services (Residential Drop In) through XL Developmental Services, a community provider. With their help, Julie is able to live on her own in her own apartment. XL Developmental Services staff help her through the day and at night. In her home they help Julie with her activities of daily living (ADL)," said April. "XL Developmental Services staff also ensure that Julie gets the medical treatment that she needs."

The other service Julie receives is transportation with XL Developmental Services. The transportation service helps her get around in the community or to any of her appointments. "When we are not experiencing a pandemic, Julie enjoys going to parks to walk. She can sometimes be shy, and needs time to warm up to people," said April. "A favorite thing outside of her home is to get an old-fashioned hamburger and French fries from McDonald's."

"As far as SSA services, we are helping her by finding resources to increase her vision, and to find ways to get her up and moving safely," said April. "Julie faces many challenges, but she does not let that get in her way!"



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