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Meet 21 year old Fateemh Wright. She likes to watch movies, her favorites are on TNT, USA, Lifetime and Hallmark channels. Fateemh likes all kinds of music too. "Fateemh likes for you to talk to her, ask her things and like to listen to others talk. She is

a down-to-earth young lady," said Faith Howell, Fateemh's guardian and grandmother. "She is a happy, and let's you know what she wants and doesn't want.

"Fateemh was born a preemie baby. She was a bright little girl. At six months old she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. As she grew, she started to have seizures and breathing problems. She also has a feeding tube."

Financially Stark DD has provided Fateemh with an **Individual Options** (IO) medicaid waiver to support her needs while living in the family home.

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Fateemh received educational support beginning with Early Intervention, and then attended Stark DD's preschool program at Eastgate Early Childhood and Family Center, prior to enrolling in Rebecca Stallman Southgate School.

"When Fateemh is alert and awake, she has a smile that is magical and vibrant! It is the kind of smile that lights up the whole room and you can't help but smile with her," said Tiffany Stanek, Intervention Specialist for Stark DD School Programs. "Her personality really shines through her different expressions and her smile. It really is a beautiful sight to see and enjoy!"

Pauline Hlad, Stark DD Physical Therapist said "Fateemh enjoys music, laughter and interacting with classmates and teachers. She is able the express a million words with a facial expression or a telling eye roll. Fateemh meets challenges with quiet perseverance. She is not hindered by health challenges that come her way and will fearlessly return to personal exercise challenges including assisted yoga and using her personal stander. If you see Fateemh out and about know she loves to catch-up on the latest happenings and to share a hearty laugh!"

Overall, she is a strong fighter; she has been through a lot," said Faith. She has a big family that loves her a lot, including a brother and sister who help her. "Fateemh has been real sick at times; and she always fights to stay here," said Faith. "I tell her at the time it is meant for her to be here with us."

See Fateemh's video Celebrate Stark DD Class of 2021: Fateemh Wright











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