



89TH ANNUAL CAPITOL TREE LIGHTING

FAITH MENDOZA

Eight-year-old Faith Mendoza, a student from Pope Valley, was selected by the North Bay Regional Center and the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to help Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom light this year's Capitol Christmas Tree.

Faith will represent more than 350,000 Californians who have intellectual and developmental disabilities and receive services from the state's 21 nonprofit regional centers and facilities operated by DDS. Since infancy, Faith has received specialized services from her local regional center for a diagnosis of Intellectual Disability.

This dynamic and sweet 3rd grader is fully included in her public-school classroom with additional Special Education supports. She loves going to school and singing. Most of all, she enjoys spending time with friends, her mom, Ruth and her four siblings, Isaac (20), Sarah (15), Isabella (13) and David (11).

ABOUT FAITH

Age

8

Hometown

Pope Valley

School

Pope Valley
Elementary School

Personality

Sassy & Sweet

Loves

Jokes, Dance Parties &
Treats

Favorite Song

Let it Go

Favorite Holiday Meal

Peruvian Food

Favorite Holiday Tradition

Staying up on Christmas
Eve to open presents at
midnight



(L to R) Ruth, David, Faith,
Isaac, Isabella & Sarah

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