



91ST ANNUAL CAPITOL TREE LIGHTING



ABOUT LAYLA

Age: 8 years old

Hometown: Fair Oaks, CA

School: O. W. Erlewine Elementary School – 3rd Grade

Personality:
Courageous, happy

Happy Place:
Home with her family

Favorite Toys:
Dolls

Favorite Hobby:
Listening to worship music

LAYLA DATSKYY 2022 Tree-Lighter

Selected by Alta California Regional Center and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), 8-year-old Layla Datskyy from O. W. Erlewine Elementary School will be helping Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom light this year's California State Capitol Tree in Sacramento.

Layla represents the nearly 400,000 Californians who have intellectual and developmental disabilities and receive services from the state's 21 nonprofit regional centers. Layla began receiving Early Start Services from ACRC at the age of 1. Her parents were referred to ACRC because of concerns about Layla's challenges with social interactions, lack of adaptive skills and her fear of new experiences.

Today, Layla's future is bright. The services and supports she and her family received have helped Layla become a well-adjusted 3rd grader who has overcome her fears of new people and experiences. Layla currently receives Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services and continues to work on her adaptive skills and socialization.

One of 4 children, Layla is a happy and social girl who enjoys listening to music and watching music videos. She likes to play with dolls and enjoys watching people's facial expressions. She especially likes to listen to worship music and mimic the different emotions in the music.

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