



92ND ANNUAL CAPITOL TREE LIGHTING



ABOUT HARLEY GOODPASTURE

Age: 5 years old
Hometown: Pala, CA
School: Crown Hill Elementary

Personality:
*Radiant, happy,
 inquisitive & kind*

Hobbies:
*Playing with animals
 & running around her
 family's ranch; singing
 and dancing*

HARLEY GOODPASTURE 2023 Tree-Lighter

Harley Goodpasture, a 5-year-old student from Crown Hill Elementary, has been selected by Inland Regional Center and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to help Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom light this year's California State Capitol Tree in Sacramento.

With her infectious joy and unwavering spirit, Harley will represent over 400,000 Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities who receive services from the state's 21 nonprofit regional centers. Her mother is a member of Susanville Indian Rancheria while Harley, her siblings, and her father belong to the Pala Band of Mission Indians, located in Southern California's San Diego Regional Center area. She is the first Native American child to be selected to light the State Capitol Tree.

Harley is the oldest of four siblings, with Huntley (3), Holley (2), and Hudson (2). Her family founded Acorns to Oak Trees, which became the first Tribal Organization to be vendored in California and operates on tribal land. Harley's parents, Season and James Goodpasture, actively tackle equity barriers and work to bridge gaps between tribal communities and regional center services.

Harley loves spending time outside at the family ranch in Pala, playing with the animals and running around. She enjoys singing, dancing, and playing with her siblings. Harley is a caring, persistent learner who never gives up.

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