

California's 93rd Annual Capitol Tree Lighting



ABOUT CARTER MORRIS

Age: 9

Hometown: Merced, California

Hobbies: Learning about outer space & our galaxy's planets; singing and dancing

School: Joe Stefani Elementary School

[Watch this video from Carter and his family.](#)

Carter Morris is a 9-year-old elementary school student who enjoys learning about outer space and mathematics, and spending quality time with his family. He is one of six siblings, including those pictured left Teari (14) and Samira (8), from Merced, California. Friends and family describe Carter as a bright, kind, and energetic person with a passion for learning. He consistently shares new facts about planets and always is eager to help those around him.

Carter began receiving services from Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC) in 2018 at 3-years-old. Since then, his parents say he has gained meaningful connections in his community and supports that have helped him thrive both in and out of school.



Carter was selected to help Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom light this year's California State Capitol Tree in Sacramento. Carter represents the nearly 450,000 Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities who receive services from the state's 21 nonprofit regional centers.



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