

Mercedes, 17

My Favorite Things:

Bunnies, Panic At The Disco, Skiing, horseback riding, pets, activities that involve movement, school. My favorite color is lime green and like My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic for a show.

Things I do not like:

When someone does not respect me and treats my unkind.

Favorite Foods:

I really like pepperoni. I am somewhat picky with food.

What I want in a family:

I would like full validation and full trust unless I break it. A family that genuinely care about me and shows me respect. I would like to be able to see my friends and participate in school activities. I would like a family that is proud of me for small achievements and hangs my picture on the wall.

What I want families to know about me:

I am very sarcastic and literal, funny, mostly polite, outgoing, energetic, resilient, kiddish, timid, and scared at times. I like to have control of situations, but I will step back if needed. I am independent, hardworking, sassy, caring, kind-hearted, athletic, and sensitive. I love school and I am very mature for my age.

That we want families to know about the youth:

Mercedes really enjoys positive attention from adults and needs a lot of reassurance that she is cared for and loved by others.

Mercedes needs parents who can provide a nurturing environment, set clear and firm limits, and provide consistent boundaries, are willing to participate in any recommended trainings and therapy sessions. Mercedes needs a family that is open-minded and thoughtful around her hopes and dreams and allows her to be a teenager.

To learn more:

If you are interested in learning more about Mercedes, please contact Ashley Sargent, Project Family at Lund (802) 527-6144 or ashleys@lundvt.org.

