

Score big

with James!

James is a sweet and engaging 15 year old with an easy smile and a kind heart. He enjoys challenges and is eager to please those around him. James enjoys simple pleasures such as reading, eating good home-cooked meals, and watching Detroit Pistons basketball on television. He hopes to one day be an NBA player! James also likes to walk around downtown areas and do some shopping with his own money.

James has made significant progress in learning to cope with anger and frustration and express his feelings effectively. He struggles with self-esteem issues and sometimes feels that peers are teasing or rejecting him; however, he is also learning to make better choices with how he reacts to his perceptions. James is diagnosed with Epilepsy, which must be monitored, and also exhibits cognitive delays that impact his intellectual functioning.

James is living in a residential setting and will likely need a lengthy visitation period to help with the transition to family life. He would prefer to live in a small city and has expressed a strong desire for a two-parent family with a mom or dad who likes to cook. A family for James needs to be extremely patient and able to

provide a highly structured environment with consistent guidelines and limits. James responds well to logical consequences and explanations, which need to be provided consistently over long periods of time to accommodate his cognitive limitations. A family for James should also understand that he might need support services throughout his lifetime.

James is very positive and works hard in group. He is considered a leader among his peers and provides encouragement to them and readily offers and receives peer feedback. James is able to share current and past issues, and does assignments well. He has occasional issues of aggression, and may provoke peers or overreact at times.

James is a great kid who is ready to be a part of a family. He will need a gradual transition as he becomes used to living in the community again. He was initially a little leery of having a father, but when asked if he would like a “nice” dad, he was excited about the idea. It is recommended he be adopted by either a single woman or a two parent family where at least one of the parents is a woman.

To draft James to your team, contact Jessie-Mae Secord at 517-787-7920 or

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