



## **Evan**

### **Birthdate:**

### **January, 1993**

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Evan is looking for his forever family. Could you be the family he is looking for?

Evan, a budding teenager, loves to be on the go. He enjoys singing, dancing, and playing sports, especially basketball. Evan is described as engaging, and he thrives on verbal praise from adults. He can be helpful with work outside, and he is also good at fixing things. Evan enjoys attending church and being involved with activities. He wants a family that will support his continued involvement in a variety of activities.

Evan attends school in a structured alternative school setting to meet his special educational needs. His diagnosis of mild mental retardation and resulting behavioral challenges impact his ability to meet his full academic potential. Evan is working to address these issues through therapeutic services in the community. Additionally, Evan's mentor is working with him on developing healthy personal boundaries, a sense of belonging, appropriate social skills, and learning how to take responsibility for the choices he makes.

Evan needs a family that has time to devote to him and who is willing to advocate for him in all areas. Due to Evan's need for attention and feelings of insecurity we are looking for a family with no younger children in the home as well as no pets. Evan's new family must be willing to work with service providers in order to learn more about him and how to care for his specific needs.

Professionals working with Evan recommend he not have contact with his birth parents, although he is still attached to them. His siblings are placed in the care of other birth family members. At this time sibling contact is not being recommended so that Evan can transition and adjust in his permanent family setting. However, a family being open to future sibling contact would be important to Evan provided that contact has a positive impact on Evan. If you are the family that can love and support Evan as he grows into a healthy adult, then I look forward to hearing from you.

*Because no one should grow up alone. For more information, contact:*



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