

- Advocate Spotlight -

LENA

Hello everyone. I hope this spotlight finds all of you well. For those who don't know me, my name is Lena. I live in Medina with my mom and dad and my cat, Leah. My family is very important to me. My parents have a big place in my heart. They help and support me always. I have 2 brothers, Solomon and Daniel, a sister, Jesse, a brother-in-law, Brad, and a sister-in-law, Autumn. They all live out of state but we try and visit each other often. Recently, I just enjoyed a trip to Cincinnati for a sisters weekend. I had so much fun! We shopped, went out to eat, visited the aquarium and the zoo, and just enjoyed catching up with one another. Next month, my immediate and extended family are planning a trip to Chicago to visit my grandma Marilyn.

I work at Buehler's, Forest Meadows location. I have been there for almost a year and I love it. My duties include bagging groceries and collecting carts. I get to meet a lot of new people in my community and work with some great coworkers. If you ever stop in to do some shopping, make sure to stop by and say "hi".

When I'm not working I love to go out to eat, go for long walks, and relax in my hammock while listening to Christian music. I also love playing sports. I play basketball and baseball with a group called Empower Sports, which I look forward to every week. The coaches are great and I'm making new friends. Speaking of friends, this summer I made a new friend, Erin. We have a lot in common and love hanging out with each other. We recently joined the Medina Recreational Center so we can play basketball, swim, and walk the track together.

I have a passion for teaching others. My goal in life is to be a teacher. I volunteered at Waite Elementary School in Medina where I enjoyed reading to the students, assisting with science projects, and helping them learn sight-words. I'm hoping to do that again soon. If anyone is looking for a classroom volunteer, look no further, I'm your person!

During the pandemic, I kept busy by creating YouTube cooking demonstrations. I love to cook. You can view these by [clicking here](#). I also love to read, and you can view my story time [here!](#)

