

- Advocate Spotlight -

OLIVIA

Meet Olivia! Olivia is 18 years old and a senior at Highland High School. She is part of an amazing, supportive family which includes her mom, dad, and brothers, Ben and Noah.

Olivia attends morning classes at HHS and spends her afternoons working at Medina Goodwill. Olivia's duties there include running new racks onto the floor, scanning in books and DVD's, and tidying up shelves. She really enjoys her job and the best part of it is that it provides her the ability to work independently. Last summer, Olivia had the opportunity to work at Blooming Acres and enjoyed that as well. She'll be the first to tell you she's not sure as to where her employment path will lead, but for now, she's enjoying trying new things.

When she's not at school or work, you can usually find Olivia enjoying time outdoors listening to pop music. Music is a huge part of her life. She also enjoys staying active and eating healthy. Olivia competes in Special Olympics Track & Field and was the only member to compete in the 400 meter dash. Her Special Olympics coach, Kara, is a great support whom she loves training with. Recently, Olivia participated in two 5K runs through Race for Glory and Empower Sports. Her mom, Lisa, stated, "There is something about structured movement that she finds very soothing."

Some of Olivia's other hobbies include horseback riding – she takes riding lessons offered through Medina Creative Accessibility – and playing basketball through Empower Sports. Lastly, Olivia considers herself to be an avid movie buff. The Marvel movies are her go to, but The Avengers series is her favorite.

Olivia prides herself as being a fair person and a social justice warrior. She is a strong young woman who is not afraid to stand up and speak up for people she feels are being treated unfairly or not being accepted as they should.

If you happen to see Olivia out and about in the community, be sure to introduce yourself and make a new friend!

