



ALONTA

Mostly nonverbal, 11-year-old Alonta nevertheless loves laughter. He gets a kick out of silly jokes, funny faces, and being tickled. Considered high needs because of his disabilities, Alonta is currently in an adaptive classroom in school.

With help, he has made progress in his speech, an accomplishment of which he's very proud. He can now communicate his needs to those around him. He's also a good eater, even if he needs help making good food choices. He has, however, become more independent, enabling him to make simple meal choices for himself, perform self-care, maintain proper hygiene, and help with chores around the home.

Despite his struggles, Alonta is extremely creative and loves to build things from old toys and Legos. He's also a big fan of Scooby-Doo, SpongeBob SquarePants, and the animals at the farm where he's currently placed. He also enjoys playing with the animals and watching television and movies.

Please pray that Alonta finds a home that can provide him with the support and care he needs. Pray that he finds parents who will love him unconditionally and give him a life of dignity and purpose.

Almighty God, you gave your only Son into the care of a human family:
Please open the hearts of your people to all children in foster care, especially Alonta; send parents to love them, communities to guide them, and your Holy Spirit to nurture them into the people you want them to be. This we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Fostering in Faith

Each of us has a story. It's our own, yet it is richly interwoven with relationships and connections. Those connections can turn our personal stories into a larger, shared story. We create our story by giving voice to our shared human experience - by praying in solidarity for our brothers and sisters, by connecting our empathy to action, and by sharing our resources, our gifts, and ourselves with each other.

Pray ...

This loving ministry provides a way for congregations, faith communities, and individuals to pray for children in need of adoptive families. We know that most congregations have within their fellowship persons to whom God has given a spirit for intercessory prayer. **You may be one of those special people.**

Connect ...

By reaching out to local congregations and church leaders, Saint Francis hopes to build relationships. By connecting, we can collaborate in creative ministries, address local needs, and share insights and experience. **Together, let's begin "our" story.**

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