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# Meet Lamar



Lamar is an adorably cute seven-year-old little boy whose favorite activities include eating, listening to music, and watching cartoons. He enjoys being tickled and receiving one-one-one attention, and he likes animals and to be outdoors. His caregiver refers to him as a "cutie pie," and says that he is, generally, a happy child.

Lamar has a diagnosis of Excess Chromosome Disorder that, unfortunately, cannot be corrected. Due to this diagnosis, Lamar requires the use of a cervical collar to hold his head up; hearing aids and eyeglasses; a wheelchair; and a special, pureed diet. The condition has also caused Lamar to be non-verbal - he instead communicates through the use of facial expressions and vocalizations - and to be very fragile, so one has to be gentle when positioning him. Sometimes, Lamar may also suffer from seizures.

Lamar attends school in an ungraded setting through the Special School District. He receives speech, occupational, and physical therapies while at school, and these therapies are continued in Lamar's placement.

Lamar is legally free for adoption, but should be allowed to maintain contact with his siblings and aunt. He will require a family who is able to care for his medical needs, and this care will include - but not be limited to - accessing community resources so that Lamar's participation in speech, occupational, and physical therapies is continued; ensuring that Lamar's frequent doctor's appointments are kept; making sure that Lamar takes the medications that he is prescribed on a daily basis; adhering to Lamar's special diet; and taking the time to learn what Lamar's different vocalizations and cries mean, as they are his only method of communication. The family should also be knowledgeable - or willing to become so - about Excess Chromosome Disorder.

For further information regarding Lamar, contact Amy Holtgreve-Newell at 314-754-2768 or [Amyh@lfcs.org](mailto:Amyh@lfcs.org) or visit [www.lfcsmo.org](http://www.lfcsmo.org) to see other children waiting for an adoptive family. The purpose of the information provided below is to briefly introduce you to the child for whom our agency is recruiting an adoptive family.

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