Friday, August 17, 2012

Dear Ms. Wagner and Mrs. Odell,

Hi. My name is Haylie Yearous. I live in Arlington, Iowa with my mom Janet, my dad Jim, and my dog Scotty. I have two outside cats that I share with my cousin. He lives right across the street from me. Their names are Stewart and Blacky. I also have and brother named Bryan. Bryan was born with Down syndrome. He stays at Woodward Resource Center in Woodward, Iowa. Bryan comes home once or twice a month, counting holidays. My family and I miss him very much, but he has lots of friends and is in a more structured building than at home. Bryan works with one of his staff as a janitor at the Capitol Building. He also is a counter and housekeeper at Woodward. Bryan is a very special brother and has taught me a lot of things, such as, how to take care of special people, like him. I also have taught him some things like how to count to twenty. If it weren’t for Bryan, I wouldn’t be the same person I am today.

There are several things I like to do. Some of the main things I like to do are be outdoors, babysit, listen to music, and help with the family business. We work on skidloaders and cars. The buissness is called Yearous Auto. I like to go fishing, ride the Harley, and work with my dad. My mom and I like to clean, cook and shop together. My brother and I like to dance, color and put together puzzles. My dog and I like to play tug of war, go on walks, and snuggle with each other. I like playing with my cats, chasing each other around, and snuggling together also.

There are several things that I believe are important about myself. One thing that is important about me is that I have a “click” with special need children. My mom and dad always come to me when they need help with electronics. I seem to have no trouble when it comes to figuring electronics out. I am very good at art and with animals.

Sincerely,

Haylie Yearous