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Local Teen Performs Song about Younger Brother

Anchorage, Alaska: Not many teen girls would write a beautiful song about their younger brother but that is what Jessica Kester has done. Jessica is a 15 year old freshman at Grace Christian School. For the past two years, Jessica has been singing, playing guitar, and writing music. She was inspired to write “Miah” because she says, “Jeremiah encompasses life to the fullest.” Her younger brother, Jeremiah is 13 and experiences Down’s Syndrome.

Jessica is performing her song on May 5 at noon at the Dena’ina Center as part of The Arc of Anchorage’s Dreamweavers Lunch. Each year for the past 7 years, The Arc of Anchorage has held the lunch as a way to spread awareness and raise funds for people who experience disabilities. It is a chance for the community to learn about this quiet organization with a huge mission. Besides Jessica’s song, this year will feature a video about one of the founding families of The Arc of Anchorage.

Jessica loves her brother but when asked, she will say she wished he wouldn’t play the piano so loudly on Saturday mornings.

Founded in 1957 by a group of parents, The Arc of Anchorage’s goal is to ensure people who experience developmental disabilities, or mental illness have the opportunity to lead rich, full, satisfying lives as valued members of our community. The Arc of Anchorage has a full array of services available to people across the lifespan from birth through old age. The Arc of Anchorage recognizes each person has specific dreams, ambitions and interests, as well as aptitudes and abilities apart from the disability he/she experiences. Services are tailored to meet the needs and goals of each person.

To watch video of Jessica performing “Miah” visit:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flDhZXwLgAg>

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