



# The International 22q11.2 Foundation Inc.

Hi, I'm Gia Abissi and I have 22q Deletion Syndrome. My parents found out when I was three years old about 22q. I work at a real estate appraisal company as an office assistant. When I was in elementary school, I was diagnosed with autism. The good thing about having special needs is that when I was in the hospital, the nurses and doctors were very nice and helped me a lot.

As an adult, I went to the Hiram G. Andrews Center in Johnstown, Pennsylvania and learned how to drive and work within a business. I am now learning how to do research and I volunteer at the local thrift store. For fun, I like to play piano and ride horses. I have competed in Special Olympics for several years.

Thank you to the 22q Foundation for helping us out. Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

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