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Keshi Taryan-Kigel is a student at the School of Visual Arts. Her main interests include drawing, cooking and theatre. She intends to pursue a career in art therapy.
Mitchell, 23, loves his program at HollyDell in South Jersey and hanging out with family and friends. Despite FD, he faces each day with courage and a positive attitude. He loves Batman and Tin Man, and leaves an imprint on all those who take the time to get to know him.

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STEVE

Steven is 24 years old and even though he was born with Familial Dysautonomia he “is a regular person who enjoys going to the movies and spending time with family and friends.”

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Alexia, age 33, is a writer and artist, who has lived in New York, London, and Paris and now lives in Naples, Florida. She is the author of *Steps of Life: Exceeding Boundaries*, an inspiring book about her life with FD.

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Gabi, age 20, is a sophomore at Hunter College in New York City who enjoys drawing and taking photos. She works part time at the office of the Dysautonomia Foundation.

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Michael, age 16, is from Brooklyn, NY and has three brothers and three sisters. He is a sophomore at Mary McDowell Friends School and he loves basketball.

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Michael Brenner is 26 and lives in New City, NY. He attends an arts program and is an intern at a local radio station. He loves Power Rangers, Dragonball Z, Ninja Turtles, and Marvel superheroes.

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Currently dating.
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PERRY

Perry, 23, lives in NYC, where she studies communications at Pace University. She also works part time at The Stephen Gaynor School and participates in programs at the JCC. Perry loves to read, horseback ride and is a movie buff.

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PETER

Pete, 29, lives in his own apartment with a roommate. A budding artist, he began painting a year and a half ago, and had a successful first art show in the fall of 2013. He is joining a wheelchair basketball league, and secured a job two days a week as a relationship manager. He is a loyal brother, uncle, nephew, son and friend.

Positive Exposure
Rebecca, a junior at Blind Brook High School, loves the computer, knitting, and the B’nai B’rith Youth Organization. During the summer, she goes to Camp Simcha Special, Kids of Courage, and SAC, a summer arts camp where she now works as a paid counselor.

Positive Exposure
Sam, age 18, lives with his parents and sister in New York City. He is a senior at Winston Prep. He enjoys traveling around the world with his family and camp. He is an avid movie buff and hopes to eventually get into the business.

Positive Exposure
Samantha

Sam, 25, lives in NYC, and is on staff at the Lower East Side Girls Club. She is active in Daniel's Music Foundation and the JCC, plays electric guitar, and does public speaking to raise awareness about Familial Dysautonomia.

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SAMANTHA
Simi Steiner is a happy 18 yr old who loves music, singing, reading and computers, and her two brothers, Zack and Azi. She looks forward to graduating high school this year and working towards a career in computer graphics.

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