

You are invited to the Litchfield Community Screening of
"Letters to Eleanore" Documentary
Featuring our very own Litchfield Middle School Student, Olivia Haralson

Date: Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:00

Location: Litchfield Senior High School Commons

"Letters to Eleanore" is a poignant feature-length documentary that explores the intertwined journeys of two remarkable girls, Keith from Canto Grande, Peru, who bravely navigates life with cerebral palsy alongside her devoted mother, and Olivia from Litchfield, Minnesota, whose experiences highlight the stark contrasts in societal attitudes towards disability in their respective countries.

As their narratives unfold, they are beautifully interwoven with the legacy of Eleanore and her family, whose life, untimely death, and the impact of her wheelchair ignited a powerful movement of hope for countless children and their families facing similar challenges. This film is not just a story of perseverance and love; it is a testament to the strength of community, brought to life through the collaborative efforts of volunteers, students, and communities across Peru and the United States, embodying a true grassroots style of storytelling that resonates with authenticity and compassion.

A message from Olivia's mother, Lisa Ficker:

At 6 weeks old, an ultrasound of Olivia's brain showed that she was missing some white matter in her brain, later to be diagnosed as Cerebral Palsy. The on-call doctor said she would never be able to talk, never be able to walk, and never be able to function like a "normal" human being.

Olivia is now 12 years old and a VERY HAPPY 7th grader at Litchfield Middle School! Everybody's "normal" is different!!! Olivia's normal is NOT the same normal as her peers, but that does not stop her from living life to the fullest! Yes, she does not walk. Yes, she does not talk, but SHE DOES communicate in her own way with non-verbals and using her voice. Olivia does not say words like her peers but boy is she VOCAL! She also tells amazing stories with her eyes!

Olivia IS a "normal" functioning human being!! Our family has embraced Olivia's DIS"ability" and it has NEVER hindered us from getting her out into our community and showing how sweet God's Grace is!!

We hope to see you there!