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11-Year-Old Change Agent Exposes An Invisible World and Wins Gold



ATLANTA, Georgia (January 2011) — This is not your usual boy-meets-dog, boy-loves-dog, dog-helps-boy story. But then Morasha Winokur is not your usual eleven-year-old sister. "My Invisible World" cleverly exposes a hidden, completely preventable, public health crisis that impacts each of us. Up to 1 out of 100 live births are affected by prenatal alcohol exposure and it is the leading known preventable cause of intellectual disability. Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs) are life-long birth defects. An individual may live with neurological, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral challenges. FASDs may be the most undiagnosed/misdiagnosed developmental disability of our time.

Eleven-year-old Morasha shares her in-depth and personal life story of what it feels like to be the sister of a sibling that struggles with FASDs. "My Invisible World" is an incredible inside account of the daily issues that arise for a child that deals with an invisible brain injury. Winokur, describes her brother's disability with tween-humor and addresses her struggles in knowing she is mentally and physically healthy while her brother has special needs beyond her ability to fix.

Morasha and her brother Iyal are non-biological siblings who were adopted by a loving couple and traveled from Russia to their new family's home in Georgia. Young Morasha shows her commitment to her brother's disability by sharing her inner-most thoughts in an effort to raise awareness in her peers so they too can understand the importance of not drinking while pregnant.

As the "typical" sister, Winokur wrestles with the angst of whether or not it is better to remain translucent in her existence, or whether she should embrace the visibility that having a service dog in the family creates. Not only is an eleven year old boy's hidden disability validated by Chancer, a service dog – but the effort it takes for an entire family to support this person becomes perceptible. The unconditional presence and specifically trained skills of an irresistible 90 pound Golden Retriever help to heal not only Winokur's brother, but each member of the family in unexpected ways.

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“There are so many lessons embedded in this 11 year old Morasha’s story: embracing diversity, empathy, self-acceptance, supporting siblings, growing up, being an agent of change, and the importance of prevention. My son read it to me as his homework. These kinds of lessons are best learned from peers like Morasha Winokur.”

Founding Executive Director of software company for children with Autism and Executive Function Impairment

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