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Who says you can't have it all? Meet Jaana, an intelligent, tri-lingual young lady with a smile and spirit that lights the room wherever she goes. This bright and articulate teen has the looks of a model and the insightfulness of a scholar. Jaana was born in Finland and speaks both Finnish and Russian. One thing that's missing in Jaana's life is a permanent family to call her own, so we set out for a studio to tell Jaana's story frame by frame.



We met Jaana at the studio of Jody Domingue, a successful Hollywood photographer, to help Jaana develop a look. Jaana has many interests but her main goal is to get her Ph.D. in Psychology. She has a heart to help others. Jaana is very outgoing and has the ability to connect and engage in conversation with children and adults alike. In her younger years, Janna gained some experience being a child model, so the photo shoot agenda was not something unfamiliar to her.

She first met with Jayson Sanchez for make-up and Kristin Cicala for hair. There's much tedious prep before a shoot to create a successful portfolio just like there's much prep in the years before college to achieve strong grades in order to present oneself as a viable candidate at a good college – something that Jaana's very cognizant about. Wherever this young lady goes, she makes a great impression. And while she already has a fashion sense, she also met with Georgia Severino for a wardrobe consultation for today's shoot.





Being in front of the camera can be nerve-racking for anyone. Having the support and guidance of others can make all the difference. And isn't this true for all of life's endeavors? When you have a support network of family, you know you can always draw strength from them when taking on individual endeavors. Imagine what a difference having a loving, permanent and supportive family could make for Janna.

Jaana is open to all family types. She's hoping that she will find that supportive and understanding family who will embrace her and allow her to mutually share life's moments. The clock is ticking, though, and later this year Jaana will legally be considered an adult. She turns 18 this year and her biggest wish now is to find that family that understands that youth like her -- in spite of their age -- still need permanent connections and family ties.



After our shoot with Jaana, she received a full portfolio that she can use for auditions if and when she pursues her modeling career. Our hope for Jaana is to help her find the adoptive family she needs and deserves that will be there to support all of her dreams -- now, and forever.



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