Curious and social, Mari is sometimes hard to understand because of a neurological condition called ‘apraxia.’

When the pandemic hit, Mari was enrolled in a traditional day program that ‘just had nothing to offer,’ her mom shared. Moving to 3LPlace, she found a community of people who welcomed her, supported her passion for learning, and from the start, knew how to work with her challenges. The joy shows on her face.

Mari is constantly reading the news and always has something to share with us about politics, justice, or law enforcement.

Mari and her family live in Newton, Ma.

Sarah’s autism, short attention span, and other developmental challenges can get in the way of her longing to be with other people. And, she’s an independent thinker. Programs that tried to shoehorn her into a particular way of doing things were “a disaster,” her mom says.

“3LPlace is very different. You encourage individualism. You give them time to think about things.” That different approach has helped Sarah be more comfortable with herself and with others. She finally feels seen.

Sarah loves animals, and she particularly loves it when her cat joins our online classes.

Sarah and her family live in Lexington, Ma.

3LPlace’s outings on city trains and buses are a joy for Zach. He’s a bright, happy person, and his school district supports his coming to 3LPlace because the pandemic was severely limiting options for his learning.

Zach has autism, anxiety, and obsessive compulsive disorder and they all interact in ways that can be confusing for him. 3LPlace is helping him sort and identify his feelings and then act more appropriately using that new knowledge.

Zach and his family live in Needham, Ma.