



# The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Caledonia Chili Cook-off

*Presented by:*

Knights of Columbus - Council 9300  
*Award Winning Community Event!*



## **Gabriella Chinwe**

Gabriella is 4-year-old from Caledonia. She radiates happiness and has been a bundle of joy. At just 22 months old, Gabriella was diagnosed with autism & has a congenital spine defect. Further testing showed that one of her kidneys was enlarged, needing immediate surgery due to a blockage in her urethra from a congenital bladder issue. Gabriella has had to undergo multiple surgeries to clear the blockages in her urethra and started experiencing kidney reflux, leading to several UTIs. To prevent further infections, they had to start catheterization at home and school. Gabby is also undergoing ABA and speech therapy sessions weekly, as she hasn't started speaking yet. Despite these challenges, Gabriella is the bravest 4-year-old and her parents are optimistic about her future.