

## Minnesota Lynx Create 'Dream Team,' Sign Five Honorary Members

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The Minnesota Lynx announced Sunday the signing of five new honorary members to its roster: Kira Jayne Reymann (Special Olympics), Grace Rogge (Defending the Blue Line), Linae Larson (HopeKids), Taylor Lieber (University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital) and Razziya (MN ADOPT).

For Sunday's practice and throughout the season, the new members will be paired with a player of the Lynx squad as a mentor. The mentors will include Maya Moore, Lindsay Whalen, Sylvia Fowles, Renee Montgomery and Jia Perkins.

Lynx's new honorary members will also have one-on-one time with their mentor, take part in practice, run through skills drills and eat lunch in the Lynx players' lounge.

### Get to know the new members:

**Kira Jayne Reymann**, 16, comes to the Lynx from Special Olympics Minnesota and plays point guard for the Orono Unified basketball team. She represented Special Olympics Minnesota at the National Project Unified conference in Phoenix, Arizona and attended the SOMN Youth Summit at the University of St. Thomas.

**Grace Rogge**, 10, comes to the Lynx from Defending the Blue Line and is a fifth grader at Oxbow Creek Elementary in Oxbow, Minnesota. Rogge started playing basketball in third grade and last season made the Champlin Park traveling team.

**Linae Larson**, 12, comes to the Lynx from HopeKids, and aspires to be an author when she grows up. Larson has collected stuffed animals along her journey with mitochondrial disease and food allergies.

**Taylor Lieber**, 19, comes to the Lynx from the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital. Lieber was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in 2012 and underwent chemotherapy and proton radiation. Shortly after graduating from Edina High School, she was diagnosed with an even rarer secondary blood cancer, High-Risk AML Leukemia, as a result from the treatment used fighting her first cancer. In August, she received a stem cell transplant at Masonic Children's Hospital, and over 260 days later, continues to recover from transplant-related complications. Now, after four years, she is cancer free.

**Razziya**, 13, comes to the Lynx from MN ADOPT, and loves basketball, football, soccer and kickball. He is a big Baltimore Ravens fan and interacts with peers by teaching basketball and coordinating a team. He is very interested in mythology and science at school.

