



# LAVENDER DARCANGELO

## *Our Gal Pal of the Month*

### OUT HERE ON MY OWN - WITH FAMILY!

#### INTRODUCTION

Lavender Darcangelo's journey on America's Got Talent was not only a testament to her incredible talent, but also a reflection of the family support she receives from her adoptive parents, Wil and Jamie. Lavender's story is one of love, acceptance, and the power of chosen families. Wil and Jamie, a couple with hearts as expansive as their love for Lavender, welcomed her into their lives with open arms. Lavender's adoption marked the beginning of a transformative chapter for all of them.

#### THE POWER OF LOVE

The Darcangelo family is bound not by blood but by a deep connection; embracing the challenges and joys of Lavender's journey of self-discovery.

As Lavender took the stage on America's Got Talent, her parents, Wil and Jamie, were there in the audience, cheering her on with pride. Their presence added a layer of emotional resonance to Lavender's performances, as her journey was not just about individual triumph, but also about the collective strength of a family that has chosen one another.

In interviews and behind-the-scenes footage, Wil and Jamie shared their experiences of navigating the complexities of parenting a child who was exploring her identity. Their unconditional love and support has provided Lavender with the foundation she needed to pursue

her dreams fearlessly. Wil, a talented musician in his own right, has often collaborated with Lavender on her musical endeavors, fostering a shared passion for the arts within their family.



The Darcangelo family has become an inspiration not only for their story of adoption, but also for their commitment to fostering an environment of acceptance and understanding. Lavender, in turn, acknowledges the profound impact her parents have had on her life, crediting them for creating a space in which she could thrive and embrace her true self.

#### "THERE'S HOPE OUT THERE"

As Lavender progressed through the competition, the America's Got Talent audience was introduced



not just to a remarkable singer, but to a family whose bond transcends traditional definitions. Wil and Jamie became beacons of parental support and advocates for LGBTQ inclusion, challenging societal norms and stereotypes.

In the finale, although Lavender was among the first six contestants out of eleven finalists to be eliminated, Lavender realized a goal of a doing something she loves passionately — sharing her amazing gift of singing. On Sept. 28th, 2023, the day after the finale episode aired, Lavender took to Facebook: “Everybody, please don’t be disappointed that I got eliminated. I have already won in my own way, because doors are opening for me...I am also feeling like the universe is protecting me from taking on more than I can handle, because I cannot handle the pressures of a neurotypical artist in the professional world”

Of “America’s Got Talent,” Lavender’s father Wil said, “The experience is not about the winner. This experience is about elevating talent in a world that might not have been seen otherwise. There isn’t always a home in the world for these acts.” Of the winner, dog trainer Adrian Stoica and his border collie, Hurricane, for whom she autographed a piece of confetti, Lavender shared: “Adrian Stoica and Hurricane deserved the win! I’m so happy for them, they are one of my most favorite acts!”

Ultimately, no one lost in that final episode. As the cameras panned the crowd to a tearful and joyous Wil and Jamie, their faces illuminated with pride and love, the victory of making it to the finale was not just Lavender’s; it was a triumph for the entire Darcangelo family. Their story became a beacon of hope for families navigating similar journeys, showcasing the transformative power of love, acceptance and the celebration of individual beauty and identity.

## CONCLUSION

In the aftermath of America’s Got Talent, Lavender, Wil, and Jamie continue to use their platform to advocate for adoption awareness and LGBTQ rights. Their collective impact extends far beyond the stage; leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of viewers who witnessed a family united by love, breaking barriers, and inspiring positive change. 

