



Ms. Teen NY International – Kayla Rivera

Supporter of Marley's Mission

Kayla Rivera is 18 years old and currently a senior at the Keystone Online High School in Pennsylvania. She recently became a certified makeup artist after attending a makeup school in New Jersey.

Kayla has been involved in her community since she was young – she was a member of JEMS (Jeffersonville Enhancing Main Street), involved in the Agudas Achim Temple (which she attends with her family), and she coached children's soccer for AYSO - to name a few.

This community involvement only grew as she got older, and in 2006 Kayla began volunteering at a **therapeutic riding facility – Fairview Farms in Tyler Hill, Pennsylvania**. For the past three years she has worked as a camp counselor at the Bethel Youth Center and this past school year she worked at Kids Time After School Program in Bethel, New York.

In October 2010, Kayla was crowned Miss Teen New York International 2011. As Miss Teen New York International her platform is to promote hippotherapy and therapeutic riding for adults and children with special needs. Her goal is to meet with state representatives to discuss the importance of hippotherapy and therapeutic riding and the benefits it provides to children and adults with special needs. Kayla is a member and an advocate for the American Hippotherapy Association. She has also been involved with other organizations such as the Special Olympics, American Heart Association, American Cancer Association and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Although she will be attending college next year she hopes her community involvement will expand even more.