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**SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD UNDERGOES EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL TRANSFORMATION
IN DISCOVERY FIT & HEALTH'S *THE GIRL WITH HALF A FACE***

***-One-Hour Special Premieres Wednesday, December 18 at 10 PM (ET/PT) on Discovery Fit & Health-
-Encore Airs Wednesday, January 29 at 9 PM (ET/PT) on TLC-***

(Silver Spring) – Adolescence is one of the most challenging times in anyone's life. High school can be a battlefield, having to navigate all the different personalities and hormones that come with these transitional years. Teenagers are just starting to learn about themselves and where they fit in. Add on a facial tumor, and just imagine how much more difficult that process becomes. This is the case for 17-year-old Sarah Atwell, who suffers from a rare disease called neurofibromatosis, causing a massive tumor to develop on half her face. In Discovery Fit & Health's newest one-hour special, cameras follow young Sarah as she embarks on an extraordinary journey. After years of hardship and bullying, Sarah is ready to undergo a risky operation that will remove part of her tumor and has the power to impact the rest of her life. **THE GIRL WITH HALF A FACE** premieres **Wednesday, December 18 at 10 PM (ET/PT)** on Discovery Fit & Health.

A hereditary disease, neurofibromatosis causes tumors to grow along nerve shafts. Unlike most with this uncommon disorder, Sarah's condition is extreme – and has developed into a massive tumor on the right side of her face which continues to grow at a rapid pace. As a child, Sarah's parents searched for a way to help their daughter, consulting with various doctors. But unfortunately, no doctor was willing to perform such an intricate surgery on such a young girl – leaving Sarah and her family out of options.

Without an answer, Sarah has lived with her disfiguring tumor for her entire life and has been a victim of bullying from a young age. But unwilling to allow tormenters to dictate her life, Sarah finally took a stand and fought back against the bullies, by posting a video online and sharing her story. After receiving an incredible amount of support in response to her video, Sarah has at last found a doctor willing to operate. Sarah and her family are hopeful that this procedure will be a long-awaited step to removing her tumor in

its entirety. Now, Discovery Fit & Health chronicles Sarah's story as she undergoes the extremely dangerous surgery that could change her face and her life once and for all.

In conjunction with the premiere of **THE GIRL WITH HALF A FACE**, Discovery Fit & Health is partnering with DoSomething.org, the largest organization in the U.S. for young people and social change. In an effort to get the word out about anti-bullying, DoSomething.org and The Wireless Foundation have created a campaign called Bully Text, a virtual text-based educational game where users choose how to respond to bullies, whether the victim or a bystander, in typical situations at an imaginary high school. Please visit DiscoveryFitandHealth.com to participate and learn more.

THE GIRL WITH HALF A FACE is produced by MorningStar Entertainment for Discovery Fit & Health.

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