## **Allergic**

I am a child with food allergies ...

## I want to tell you ...

 That my food allergies are a serious medical condition, not a choice.

That, just like me, 1 in 13 kids has food allergies.

 That I look "normal" because, if I'm not exposed to food allergens, I'm in good health.

 If I accidentally eat a food allergen, I could end up rushed to hospital with anaphylaxis. I could even die.

 I want to play with your kid. I want to be included.

## Here's what I'm not ...

· I am not a picky eater (exception: liver!).

 I am not "weak". My immune system just mistakes some foods for enemies.

I am not trying to inconvenience you,
 I just want to feel safe.

## I want you to know ...

- When you take care not to expose me to allergens, you make my day!
- I don't enjoy food allergies. I sure wish there was a cure.
- I just want to learn and live and have fun.
  Just like your kid.

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