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Driven by the dream of building a better life, at the age of five, my family moved from Sonora, Mexico, to Phoenix, Arizona. Growing up in a household where my parents worked minimum-wage jobs with limited English, I quickly learned the value of hard work and resilience. While they provided for our basic needs, saving for my college education was never an option.

After graduating high school, I entered the workforce, thinking that college was beyond my reach. However, the desire to better myself and provide for my family led me to pursue higher education, despite the financial challenges.

Today, I am a single parent working part-time to support myself and my children. Balancing the demands of work, parenting, and school has not been easy, but I am determined to provide a better future for my family.”



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