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Marianna con su hijo, Ryan

"Nos dijeron que [Los Estados Unidos] son muy bonitos, que la gente sale adelante con facilidad y el trabajo no es difícil. Pero la realidad es otra cosa. He visto muchas películas, y en las películas, siempre muestran ciudades como New York, San Francisco, y otras como esas, así que pensé que New Bedford sería igual."

El trabajo en Guatemala:  
"Mis padres eran agricultores, cultivaban maíz, frijoles y vegetales. Aprendí a cosechar el maíz, cuando la época de cosecha estaba lista, ayudaba a mi familia a recogerla."

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*"Here it doesn't matter your age, nor the color of your skin, nor your race, basically if the person works and is a good worker, they are able to get ahead."*

*"When I was living at home, my father was a very difficult person. He didn't like that I went to school. Because I am a girl. And for that reason, I didn't study and I stayed home. He doesn't accept the idea of girls going to school."*

Marianna with her son, Ryan.

*"We were told that [the United States] is very beautiful, people get ahead very easily, that the work is not difficult. But the reality is another thing. I saw many films, and in the films, they always showed cities like New York and Florida and San Francisco and others like that. And so, I thought that New Bedford was the same."*




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*"I have always had the mindset that I don't want to learn just one thing. I want to learn everything and keep on learning... I have learned all of the jobs at Bergie's: peeling the fish, cutting the fish, working the machines, also working the machine for the previously frozen cod and the fillet machine."*

**Work in Guatemala:**  
*"My parents were farmers, growing corn, beans, and vegetables. When the corn plants were ripe, I learned how to harvest the maize. When the crops were ready, I helped my family harvest the crops."*

**Today...**  
Marianna works as the Fresh Seafood Sales Associate at Bergie's Seafood.

"Aquí no importan tu edad o el color de tu piel, ni tu raza. Básicamente, si la persona es un buen trabajador, sale adelante." "Cuando vivía en mi casa, mi padre era una persona muy difícil. No le gustaba que yo fuera a la escuela. Por esa razón, no estudié y me quedaba en la casa. Él no acepta la idea de que las mujeres vayan a la escuela."

"Quando eu vivia em casa [dos meus pais], o meu pai era uma pessoa muito difícil. Ele não gostava que eu fosse à escola porque eu era rapariga. Por essa razão, eu não estudei e fiquei em casa. Ele não aceita a ideia de as raparigas irem estudar."

"Siempre he pensado que no quiero aprender una cosa solamente. Quiero saberlo todo y seguir aprendiendo... he aprendido a hacerlo todo en Bergie's: pelar y cortar el pescado, trabajar con las máquinas, y también a trabajar con las máquinas para el bacalao previamente congelado y la máquina de hacer filetes."

Hoy en día... Marianna trabaja como vendedora asociada de mariscos en Bergie's Seafood.