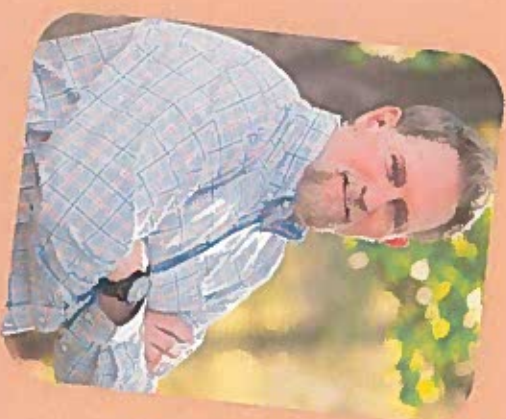
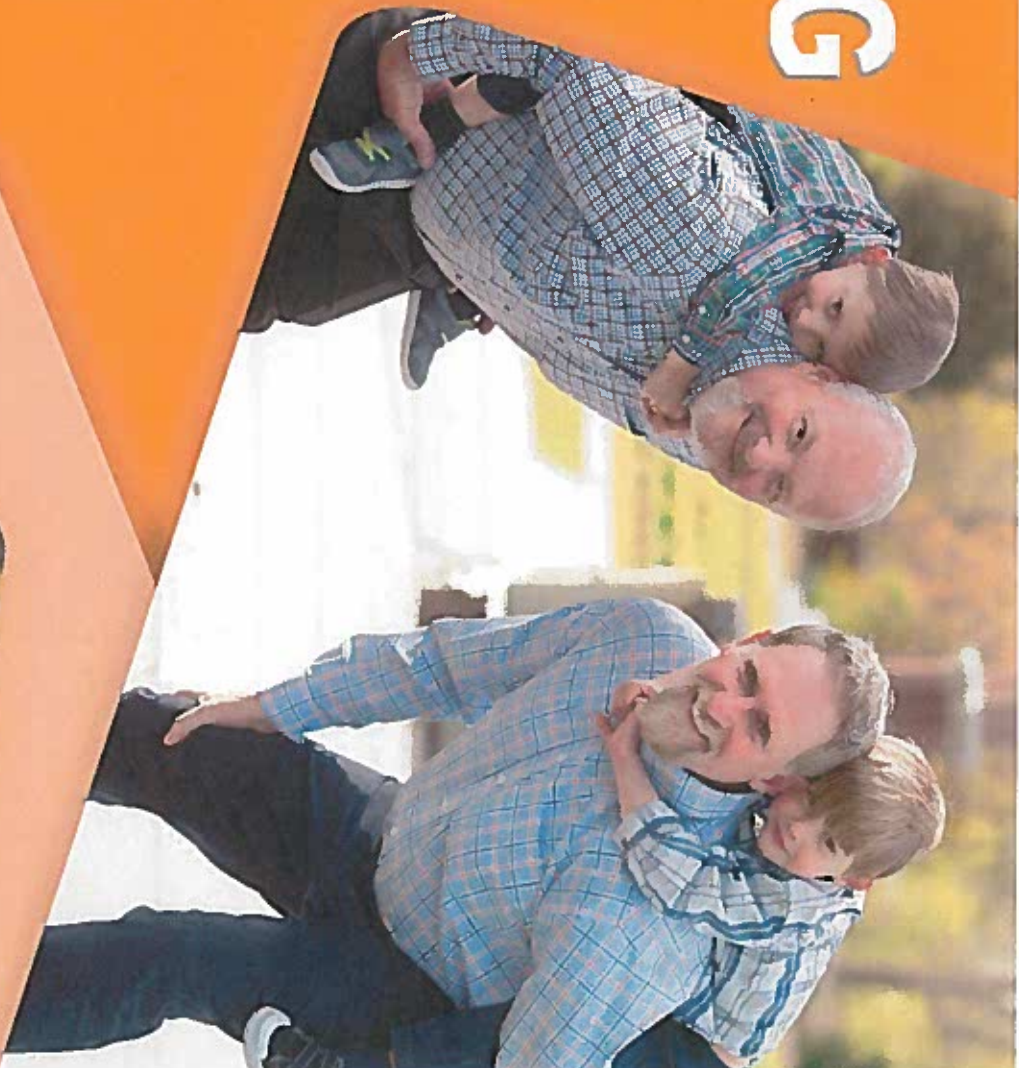


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BRANDAN BURNS

Brandan has been an avid supporter of Catholic Charities Early Childhood Education programs since he enrolled his twin boys, Evan and Nicholas. Over the past three years, he has served as an active member on the Denver Great Kids Head Start Policy Council in various positions: a parent representative, an officer, and this year's treasurer. Brandan leads and encourages his boys to set high academic standards, while guiding them to become positive leaders and mentors. He is teaching Evan and Nicholas to stand up for those less fortunate than they are and make a difference in their community.



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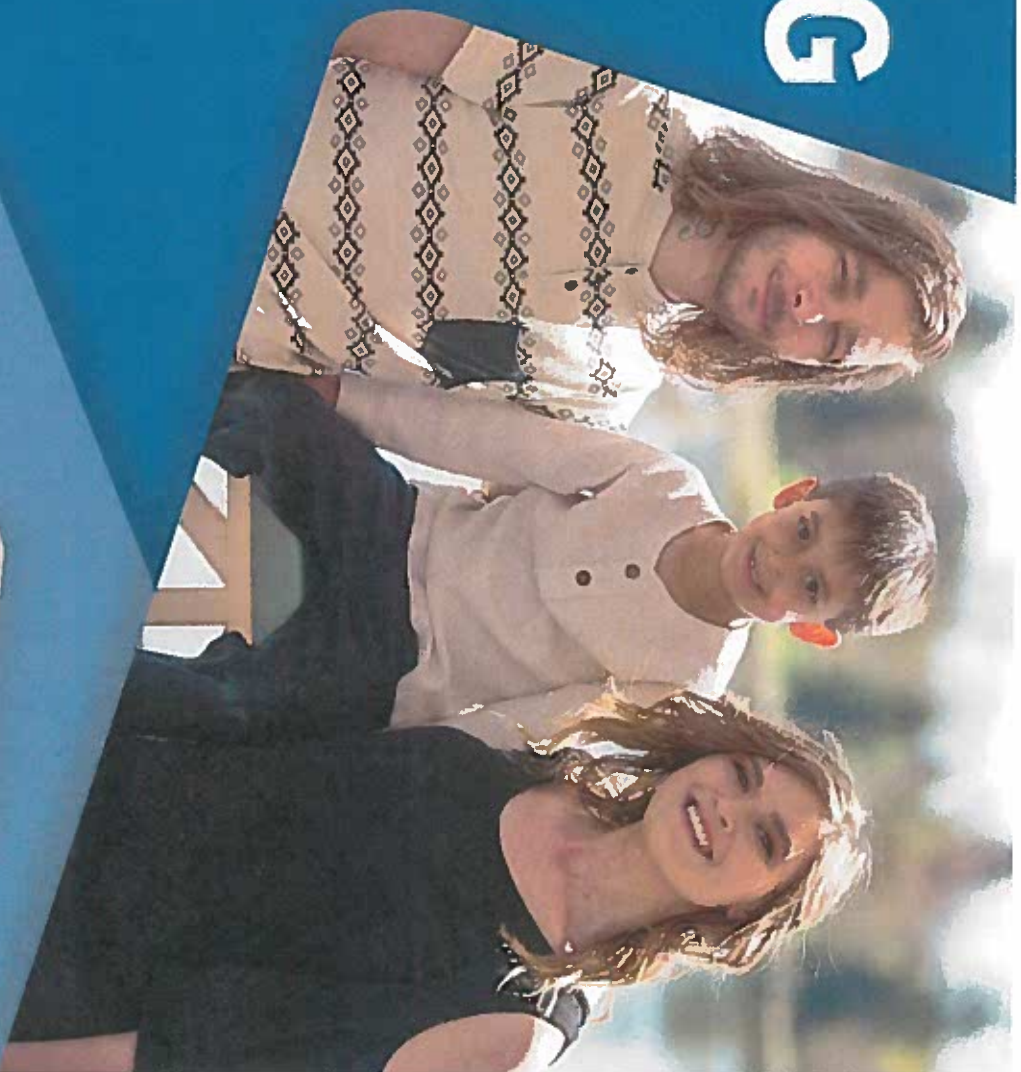
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VICTORIA SPIKER

Since becoming a part of Denver Great Kids Head Start, Victoria has shown a genuine interest in being active in the program. She participates in workshops and the Parent Committee and brings fresh and new ideas to the table for discussion around how the program can improve. As one of our younger parents, Victoria brings a lot of value and helps our program parents and staff incorporate diverse ideas that push us to think outside of the box. Victoria always strives to spread positivity, bring happiness to the world and be the best mom and person she can be.



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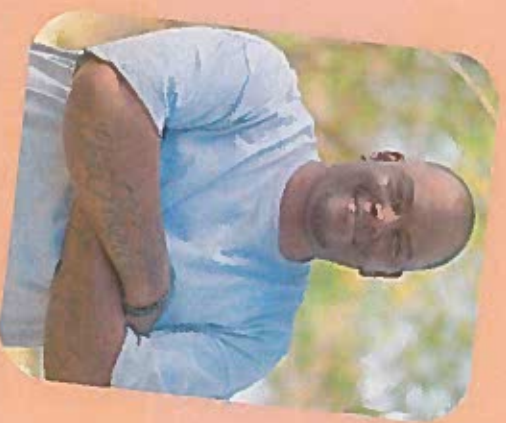
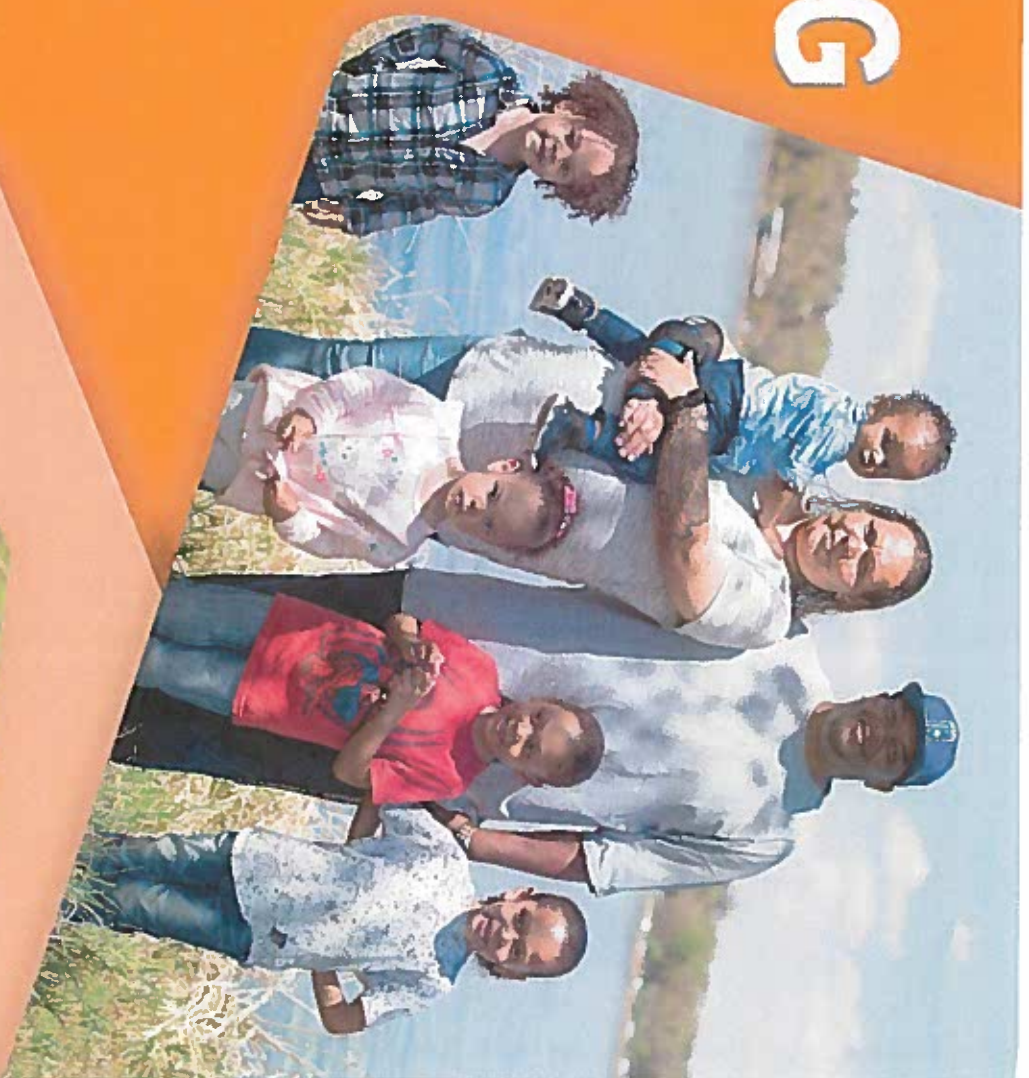


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JOHNATHAN GRISBY

Johnathan is the proud father of five kids, all currently enrolled in Catholic Charities ECE programs at Mariposa. As the vice chair of the Denver Great Kids Head Start Policy Council, he has taken the lead to get more fathers engaged in Head Start programs. Johnathan and his wife were involved in a car accident this year, and during that time, he remained dedicated to balancing family routines, while also rehabilitating himself and supporting his wife toward their recovery and healing. This is a testament to his ability to face and overcome adversity.



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ALLYSON GROOMS

Allyson has proven to be a stand-out parent in spite of having such a busy schedule. She is completely invested in supporting every aspect of the Head Start program at Clayton Early Learning and takes advantage of every opportunity the program offers to students and families. Allyson attends all activities, supports other parents, participates on governing bodies, and is part of both the Family Leadership and Policy Committees. She truly embraces Clayton as if it's her own home and takes a genuine interest in its success. Allyson reminds us all how important simple kindness can improve any situation.



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NANCY LOUVEY

Nancy is a parent who consistently goes above and beyond. She proudly represents Clayton Early Learning at the Denver Great Kids Head Start Policy Council and participated on both the Policy and Family Leadership Committees. Nancy has been instrumental in bringing resources such as "Cooking Matters" and "Lending Libraries" to all Clayton families, in addition to organizing fundraising dinners and staff appreciation events. She is a catalyst for change and one parent who really makes a difference by taking action, lending a hand, sharing great ideas, and taking on challenges.



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ERICA JONES

Erica is a first-year parent in the Head Start program and has been a huge contributor to the day-to-day operations since day one. Her efforts of preparing classroom projects, chaperoning field trips, and organizing events has been a huge help in the DPS Early Education program. Erica also represents DPS on the Head Start Parent Policy Committee, Denver Great Kids Policy Council, and is on the planning team established to develop a father figure group. Her ability to create positive interactions with the students, parents, and teaching staff provides an enriching atmosphere to both learn and teach.



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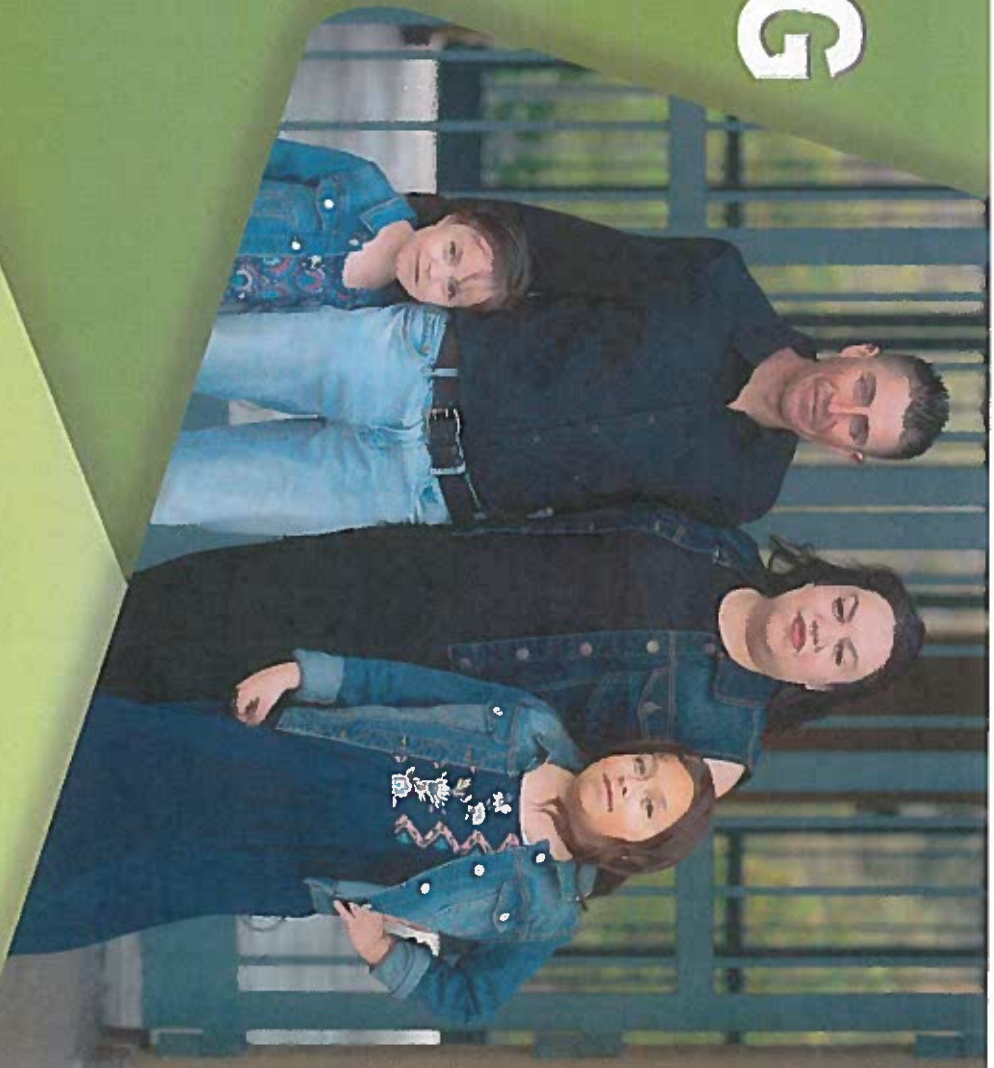


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MARIA PEREZ

Maria is an outstanding parent because of her admirable investment of time and talent in her child's development, her family's well-being, the classroom needs, and the school in general. She is fearless and optimistic, and wants to get things done for the benefit of all. Recently, Maria's husband was in an accident, and helping him recover inspired her to work toward a career as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). She is planning to enroll in a CNA program this year to accomplish her new calling and passion for providing medical care to those who are sick or have been injured.



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SACHI KALEIKAU

Sachi is an active participant on the Policy Committee at Family Star Montessori School and also attends the Denver Great Kids Head Start Policy Council. She is always striving to learn more and likes to share her knowledge with other parents. As a busy mother of two children, Sachi also attends school, works, and successfully manages to stay very involved in her children's education. She is committed to being a role model for her children by showing them the importance of having an early education, supporting your family, and being actively engaged with your school community.



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Montessori School

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SARA MORRIS

Sara is a champion who has gone from transitional, temporary housing to permanent housing - a huge accomplishment for her and her family. Sara juggles work, home and school life and approaches each area with a high level of commitment to exceed every expectation she has set for herself. She is a member of the Policy Committee and attends all events at Family Star Montessori School providing support to staff and students whenever needed. As a parent who refuses to let the struggle of life stand in her way, Sara is a strong advocate for herself and her family.



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JUANA ORTEGA

Juana volunteers all the time! She has taken the time to really connect with the children in the classroom and they absolutely love to be around her as they experience learning. Though English is not her primary language, she tries to read in English to the students who don't speak Spanish and reads in Spanish to the Spanish-speaking children. Juana shows a genuine interest in contributing to the success of Mile High Learning and the children they serve! As a parent in the Denver Great Kids Head Start program, Juana is a true partner in supporting our educational team.



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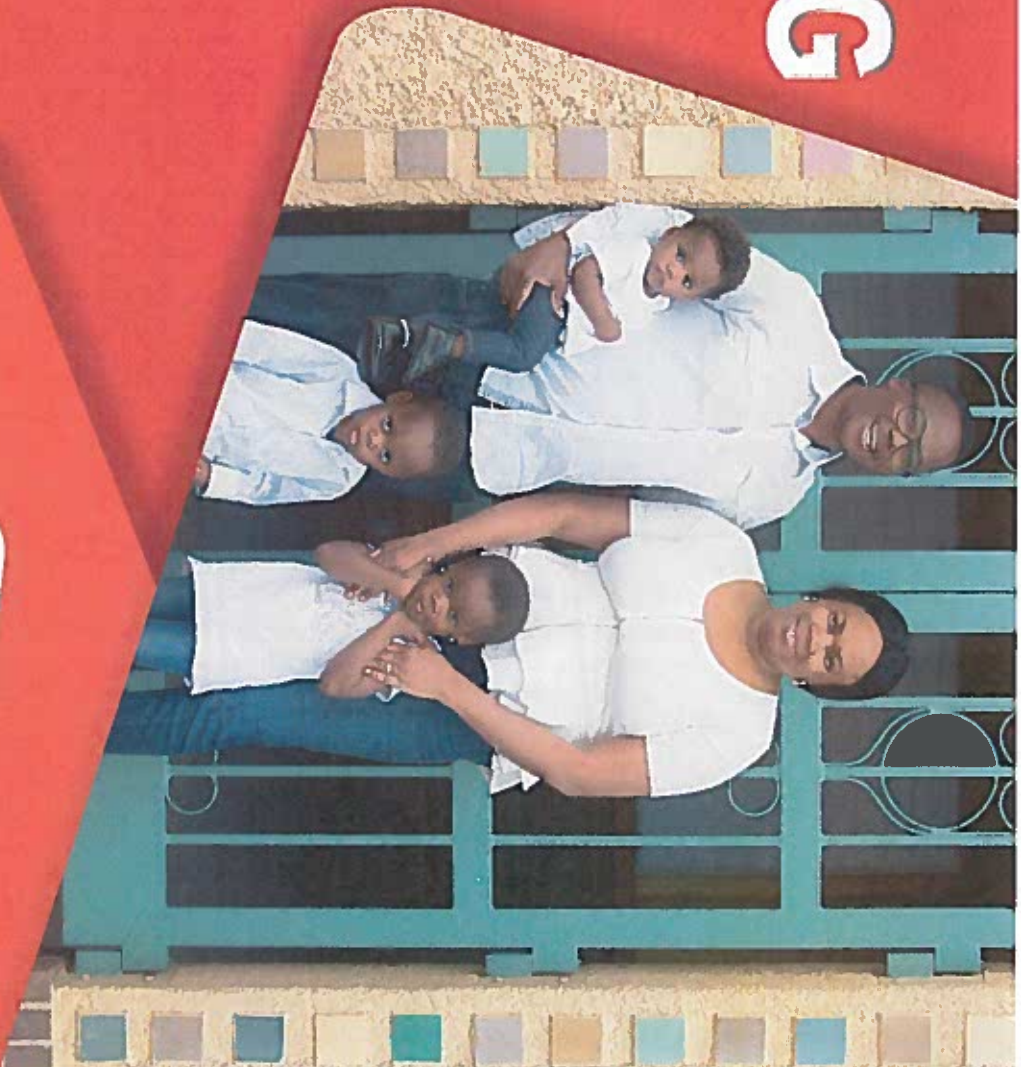
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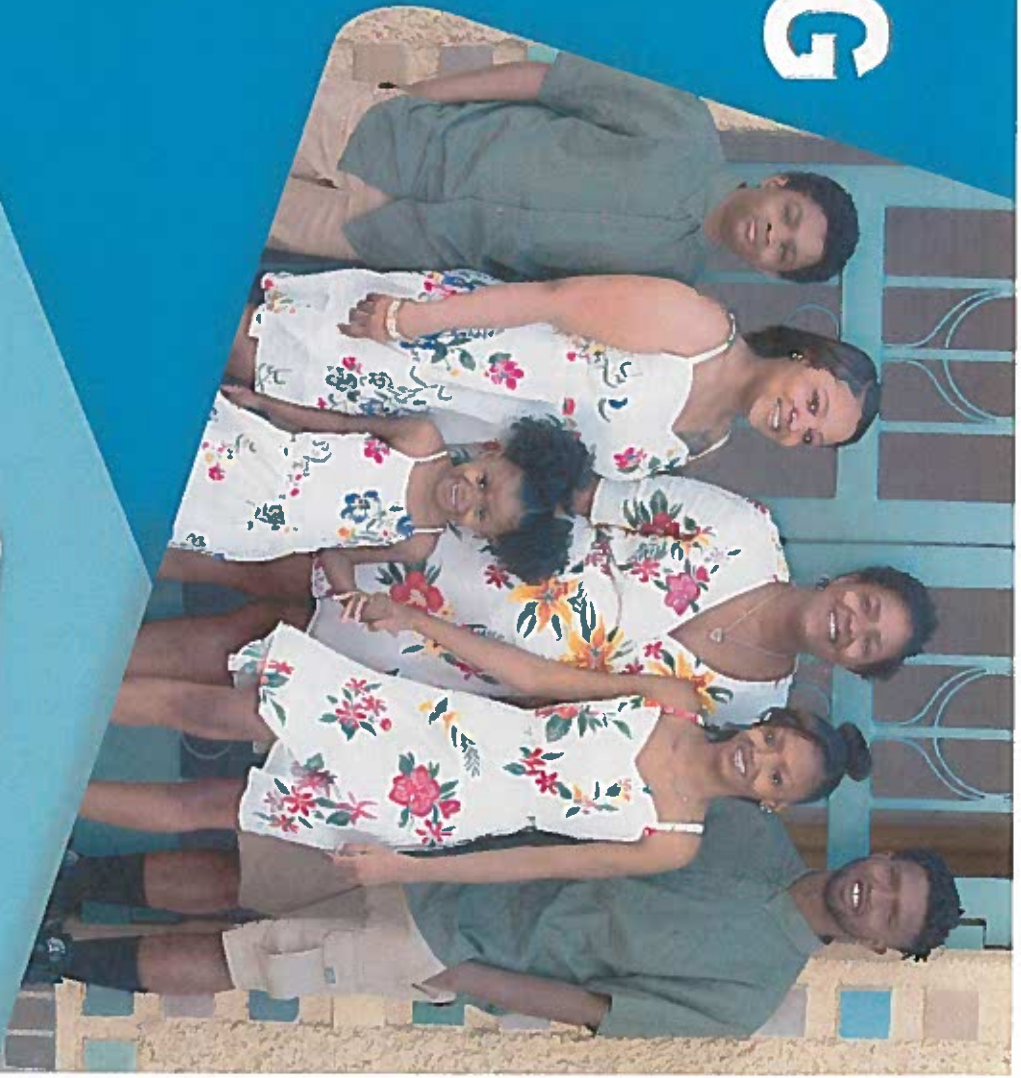
Magnus has been a consistent presence at Lowry Start program. He has attended almost every parent meeting, regularly completes literacy sheets, and is part of Mile High Early Learning's Policy Committee. Families know that they can come to Magnus if they have questions or just want to talk about something. He has helped families with the sign in/out process, translating, and different opportunities offered at the center. Magnus is a person that is always eager to help translate and be supportive to others whenever possible.



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MONIQUE FOX

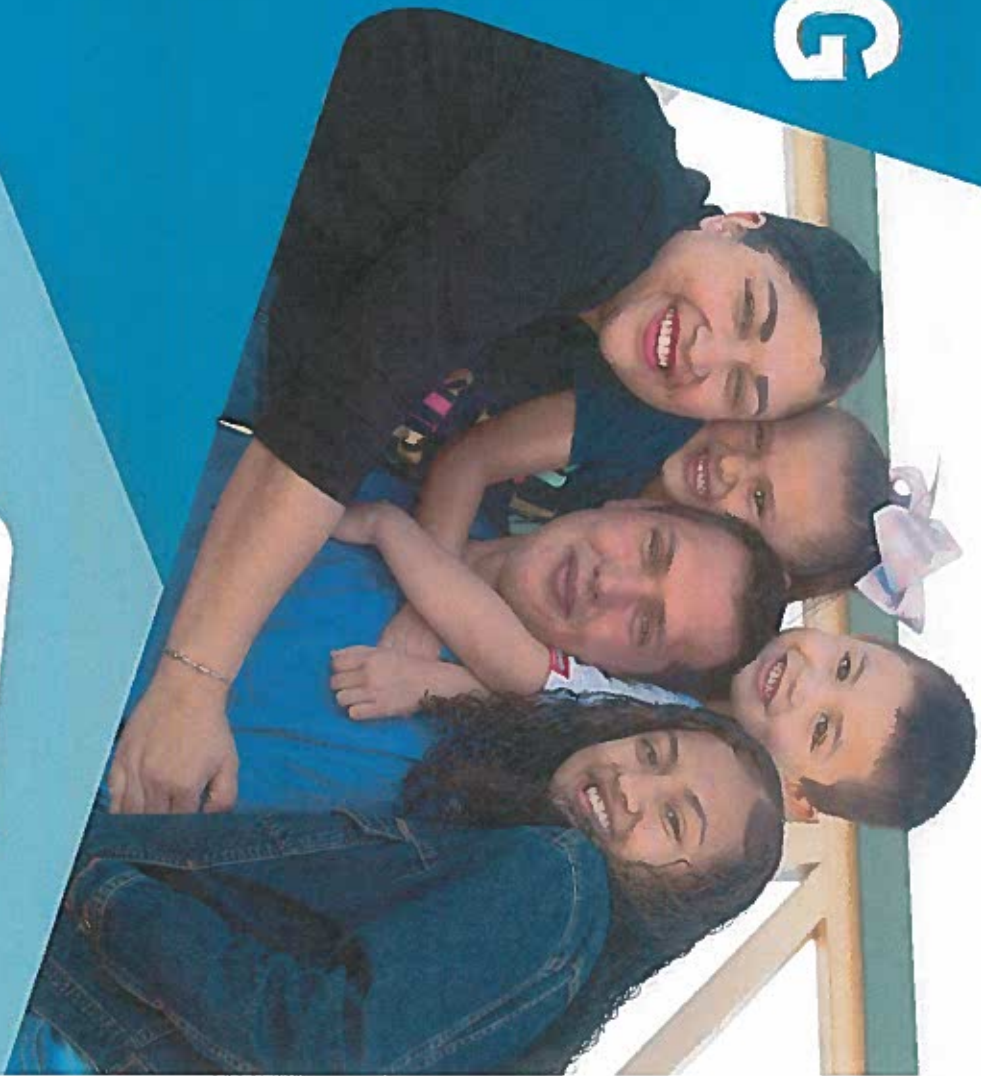
Monique has a three-year-old named Arielle enrolled in the Head Start program. She serves on Sewall's Head Start Policy Committee and the Head Start Policy Council. Monique volunteered to set up the funeral services for Keyvonne Connie, a special co-worker who passed away this year. She reached out to Keyvonne's family and took on the role of advocating and coordinating Keyvonne's services. Monique was amazing at supporting the family during their time of loss and grief. With such a natural giving and caring disposition, she is an absolute pleasure to have in the Head Start family.



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SHAWN TORRES

Shawn has been an active parent in the Head Start program at the Sewall Child Development Center. He serves on the Policy Committee and has been instrumental in helping to drive the processes that Sewall uses to ensure Head Start policies are in place. Shawn has had two children go through the Head Start program and is determined to make sure his children receive a quality education. He believes that children succeed when parents and schools work together. With his level of professionalism, and his light-hearted personality, he is a natural leader and an incredible asset to the Head Start team.



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MARIBEL GUZMAN

Maribel participated in several workshops that were offered at the center and assisted the family services worker in encouraging other parents to also participate in workshops, events, and parent policy committee meetings. She truly understands the importance of increasing participation at all Head Start activities because parents can better understand how to help their children learn and talk about ways to strengthen the program. Her consistent presence brings our families a sense of familiarity and comfort. Maribel brings a contagious positive energy to the program that's loved by all.

