



When I started with all this I remember that I was afraid of not fitting into the family. It was one of my biggest fears, besides the fact of going away and alone for a long time. But being part of a new family and living with them, for me, was the most important thing.

I remember I had seven interviews, until the Brand family arrived. They were the last ones with whom I interviewed, after a couple of months of feeling frustrated, believing that this was not for me and that I had to give up. But there I realized, that you always have to

have patience in life, that good takes time to arrive and that everything is for something.

And so it was, the best family that I could have received, arrived. I felt a beautiful connection from the first moment I read their profile, without even talking to them by video call.

On the day of the interview I remember that I was very nervous, I did not want to do anything wrong. But since we started talking, I tried to be just me.

When that call ended I just thought "I hope they choose me". I really wanted to go and start this new adventure with them.

The Brand Family is much more than a host family for me. Because I really feel like my real family and they are that company that makes me not miss my country so much.

It is very difficult to be so far from your country, your house, alone, without anyone known around. But from the first day, they made me feel part of the family.

Before traveling to the United States I had a very complicated and sad family moment. My mom was very sick and at times I felt guilty thinking that in a few





months I had to go and leave her in Argentina. She always encouraged me to continue with this exchange, because she knew it was one of my dreams and how hard I had strived to achieve it.

I remember that I was very afraid of coming and not being able to meet the objectives, not being able to give the Brand Family what I had promised them every time we had an interview. But they always understood me and to this day, they worry about knowing how my mom is doing. Since that September 8, 2018 when I came to this family, I felt in my heart that I had not made a mistake in choosing them to live this experience. They were always the right family for me. I never doubted and today, almost 10 months of being together, I think more than ever and I can not say more than thank you!

Thank you for opening the doors of your house and trusting me to leave me in the care of the most beautiful thing they have in their lives, their children. Thanks for making me feel at home. Thanks for helping me fulfill a dream. Thanks for understanding me when I'm not in my best days and encouraging me to move forward. Thank you for including me in your plans and making me feel part of the family. Thank you for showing me that I am not just an au pair. Thank you for allowing me to live this experience that I will never forget and make me the happiest person in the world.

Today I can tell you that I chose the best family I could have chosen and that I love with all my heart those two children that make me happy the days I wake up until I go to sleep.

Wesley and Stanley; They gave a new meaning to my life and that is something that will always be stored in my heart. I learn every day with them and the love they give me does not compare to anything. I hope to return the same thing every day. I promise never to forget you, because that would be impossible. They will always have a piece of my heart wherever I am, and just think about the day I have to say goodbye, my heart squeezes ... So let's take advantage of the present and enjoy as always, dancing, singing in Spanish and laughing together !

Thank you Brand Family for being my Host Family and helping me to fulfill so many dreams that I will never forget in my life, they will always be recorded in me and it will be the most beautiful experience I could have lived.

Because opportunities are presented only once in life and when you see them clearly is because they are for you, you just have to cheer!

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