

Charles Barrett Elementary School

Panda Friends

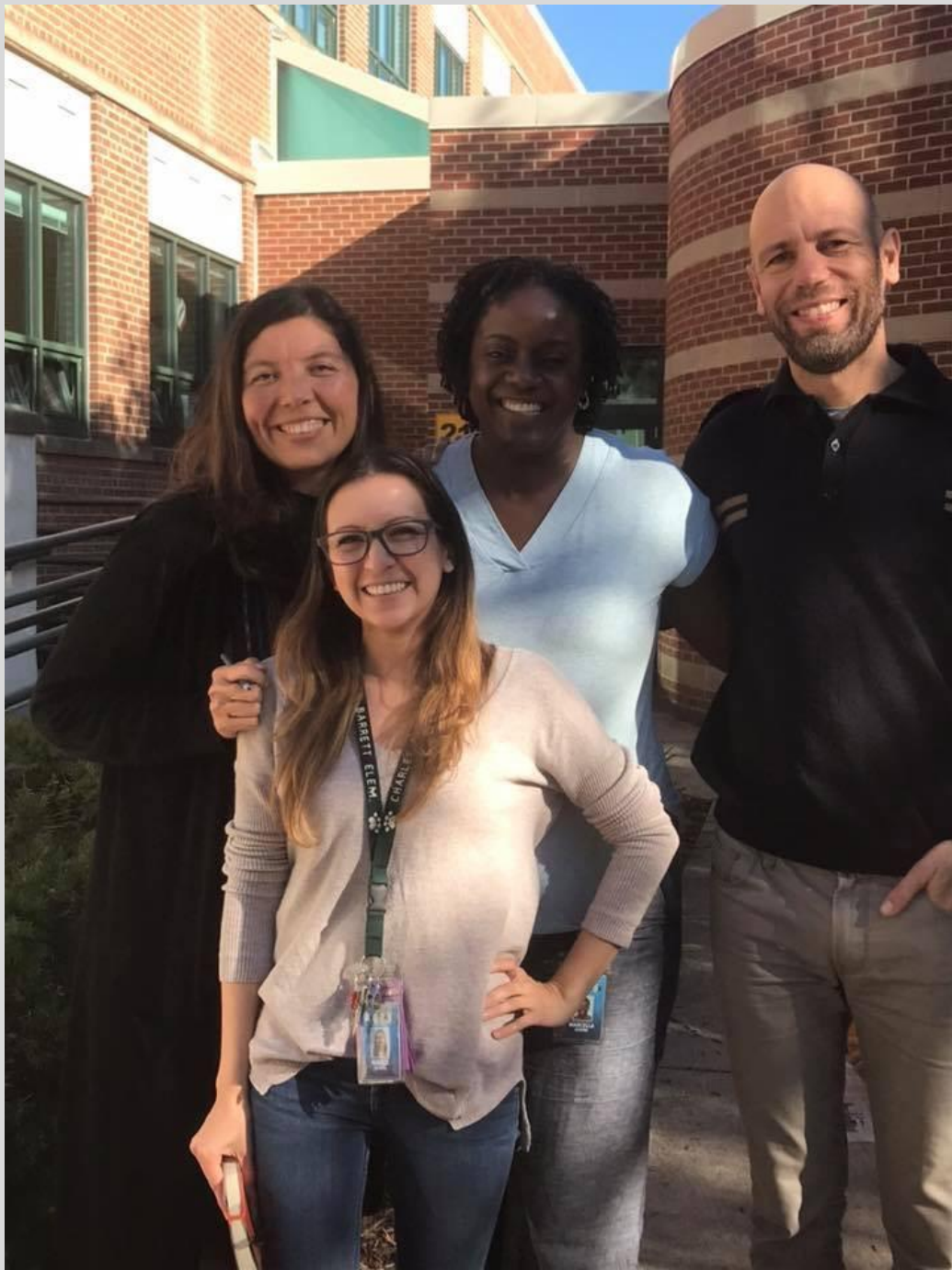
My Story Matters



Every Student Succeeds





















My Path



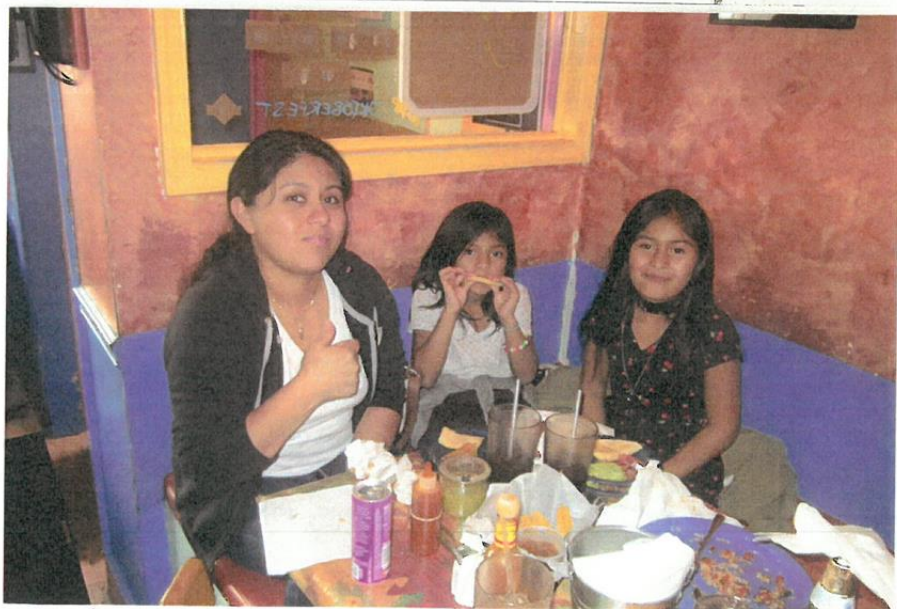
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Michelle

**I am creating the
path of my life.**

**I am Michelle Garcia-Hernandez.
Hernandez is from the country my
dad is from, Honduras. Garcia is from
my grandma. My nickname is Michi.
At school I like to be called Michelle,
but at home I like to be called Michi
because I feel safe at home. I am 9
years old and I'm in the fourth grade.
I go to Charles Barrett Elementary
School. I live in Alexandria, VA and I
love how many unicorns there are
here!**



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My family and I journey along this path together.

My parents are Jaime Hernandez and Ester Diaz. My family is from El Salvador and Honduras. I have a younger sister, Litzy, she is six. I also have two half-sisters and two half-brothers that live in Honduras. I have two aunts, two grandmas, and two cousins. After school I get to play with my cousins. My grandmas don't live near me so I get to face-time them. What I love about my mom is she works at Subway and sometimes she brings me sweet treats. My dad let me sometimes do what me and my sister want, like go to the movies. What I love about Litzy is that she is creative. She loves reading and writing. What I love about one of my sisters in Honduras is that she just had a baby boy. My family always believes in me. We have this tradition where we fill up a jar with money for someone's birthday, then we have a big fiesta. What makes us a family is we are all sweet. My mom says if you don't have something nice to say then don't say anything at all. We really like to go grocery shopping together. Family is important because you can count on them and it's something in your life that makes you feel good inside. I feel safe with my family. More safe with them at home than at school.

**My friends walk
with me too.**

My friends are Lucia, 9, Scarleth and Luz, 8, Wendi and Briany, who are both 9. Lucia is so funny! She's the funniest person I've ever met. She is the first friend I made here. Briany is loving, we made this handshake up. Wendi always supports me. Luz and I are good friends. Our dads are friends. Luz is very funny. She dances funny with me and we have playdates. My friends love that I play with them. I'm kind, but sometimes I'm rude. Friends are there to support you. If you're mean, you'll never have friends. A good friends helps and encourages their friends.



“
Don't forget—
no one sees the
world the way YOU
DO, so no one can
tell the STORIES you
have to tell.

-Charles de Lint

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“
Alone we can
do so little;
TOGETHER we
can do so much.

-Helen Keller

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I love my path.

I love to play tag with my friends because we get to run around a lot and it's fun! Sometimes we spy on people on the playground and then they catch us and we have to run away. I can draw, do gymnastics, sing, and dance. My favorite movie is "Black Panther." I like pizza, the color purple, my LOL dolls, and rabbits, pandas, and doggies! I like Drake songs. I love to do pranks on my sister.

**On my path, I'm learning
many things.**

My favorite subject in school is reading! Right now I'm learning about PTIS and it's interesting. I want to learn more about how dogs do things. Like how to the talk to each other and do everything. It's important to keep learning so you can have a good life. That's what my mom always says to me, "If you keep learning you will have a good life." It's important to learn about social studies because you learn about social things and about people.

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The greatest
glory in living lies
not in never
falling, but in
RISING every time
we fall.

-Nelson Mandela

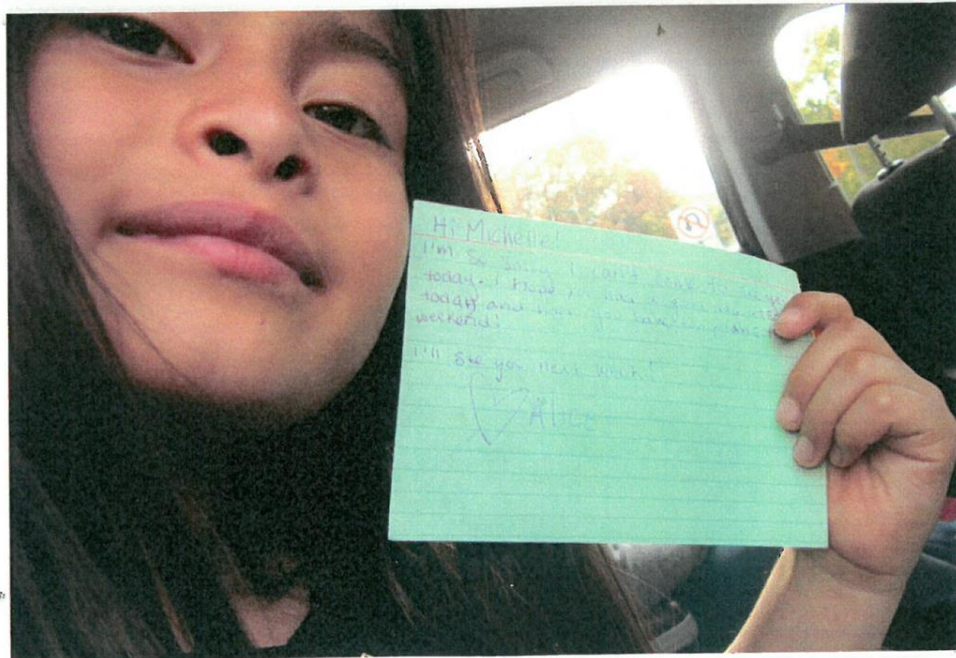
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Set out each day
believing in your
dreams. Know
WITHOUT A
DOUBT that you
were made for
GREAT THINGS.

-Josh Hinds

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**I look up to heroes who
show me the way.**

**My favorite book is about the ALICE drill,
it's called I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared. I
like it because it shows us what's
important about the drill and being safe.
My real-life hero is Mommy because she's
always there. When she went on a
business trip I was crying so much. She is
my superhero. I want to be like her
because she always believes in people
and stands up to bullies. I feel like she
got that way from her mom and her dad.
She always went to church in El Salvador
when she was younger, and her grandma
gave her lots of advice.**

**Everyone has a path
with twists and turns.**

**It's really hard whenever my
mom or dad leaves, but
especially my mom. I try not to
think about it or pretend that
she's there. When I feel lost or
scared, I go to my mom. The
person who helps me the most
when I need it is my mom. God
helps me and my family. I feel
loved and happy when people
help me.**

On my path, I'm
choosing to be strong.

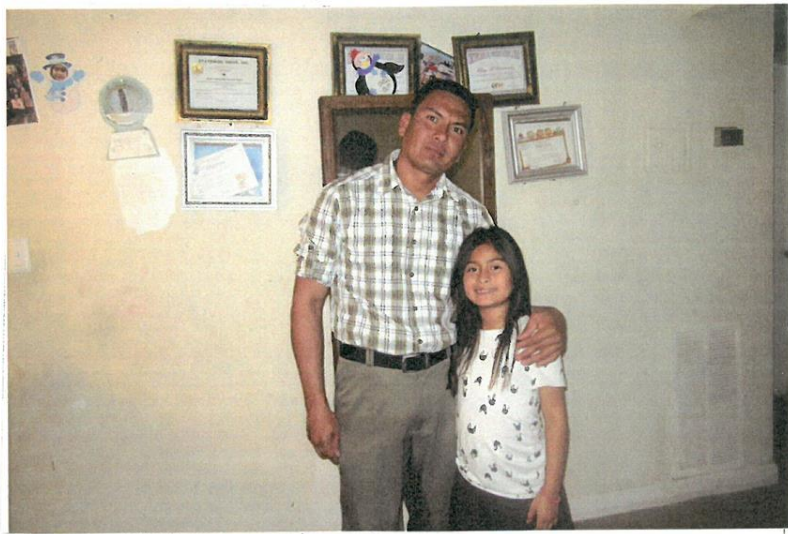
I think being strong means being helpful, helping others. I learned to be strong by facing my fears and not giving up, just like my mommy. I get my strength from my mom. An obstacle for me is doing social studies, but my mom always believes in me and tells me to work hard, so I know I will be able to overcome it.

Walking my path makes
me happy and hopeful.

**Being happy means
being surrounded by the
people you love. Being
with my mom makes me
happy. She is the
person who makes me
the happiest.**



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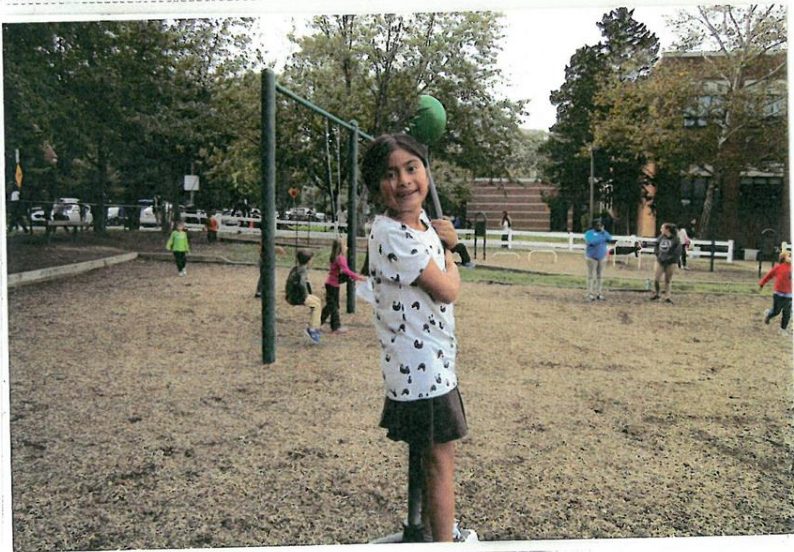
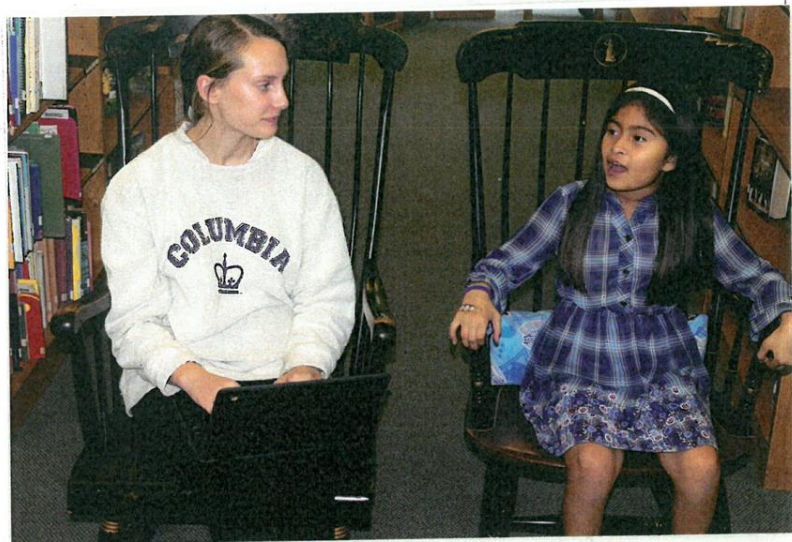
I dream about the rest
of my path—my future.

**When I grow up I want to be
an actor, a singer, and a
teacher. I want to get
married and have a family. If I
could change anything about
the world it would be that
there are no more bullies and
free pizza, ice cream, and
donuts. I wish there was
more kindness in the world.**

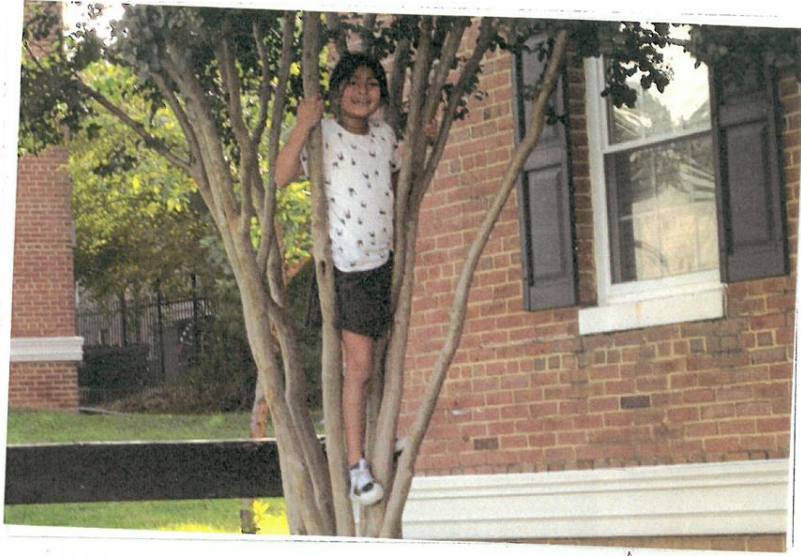
**I choose who I am and
who I want to become.**

**Today I would describe myself as
crazy, funny, and fearless because I
act like that every day. The people
who love me the most are my
mommy and Alice. My mom gave
birth to me and she tells me I am
fearless. I hope a word that will
describe me is happy and for that to
happen I need to be a good person.**

**I am Michelle Garcia Hernandez and
I am creating my path.**



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The Power of the

I am dedicated.

Alice and Michelle



Alice + Michelle
= BFFs!
♡. Alice