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Imran Aziz Qureshi: Hi, my name is Imran A. Qureshi and I'm a proud parent of four kids. I have three daughters and one son. Luckily, all of my children, they go to Head Start program. Let me tell you one thing, my eldest daughter, Sana Imran Qureshi, she goes to Mullen Elementary School, Manassas, Virginia, and the other day she got a roll of honor -- student roll of honor from her school. And I think this is the -- the main thing because she got a really good base because of Head Start. Head Start teachers, they -- they polish her.

My son, his name is Ali Imran Qureshi. He's right now a Pennington School student right now. And he is... The Pennington School is the best school in -- in Prince William County, and I'm sure because of Head Start classes... The reason they build him is his base so that's how he can get admission in that class -- in the school. That's -- that's not easy to get admission in that school. And my daughter, Saba, she is also in Mullen Elementary right now and she is a brilliant student.

All -- luckily, all of my children, they are brilliant, but my impression is that because of Head -- Head Start classes. Their teachers, Ms. Tara, Ms. Peg, they do a lot of efforts for my kids, for their education, for their sports. So that is the reason, I'm sure on that, that they are -- they are having a really, really, really good future. I specially -- specially tell you today about Ms. Yvonne, too. She is in charge of Head Start program, and she is really helpful. She -- she helped me all the time.

I had a bad accident. I have -- I hurt my back, and I -- I was the only one working that time and my family all depend on me, and she helped me. She come to my home and she tried her best to help me. She even sent emails to everywhere, my bank, to Prince William County, even President Obama, he sent emails. I never ever forget that -- her help. I'm sorry [Coughs].

My wife, Anvwie, I -- we help our kids for their studies, and in their Head Start classes they have really memorable time. They are always ready to go to school. I'm -- I'm saying -- proud to say that Head Start make a base in my childrens' life. And even my wife, she is the chairman of Head Start Policy Council in Mullen Elementary School. We go to the Head Start classes as a volunteer and sometimes they go for tours; we -- we try to go with our kids, with our family. I -- I born in -- I born and raised in Pakistan. There was entirely different way of education.

Over here, it's -- it's entirely different. The way of teaching, I really love. I really miss my childhood when I take my kids to the school. I miss -- I wish I be a child when I come to U.S. so I can go to American school and I have a much better life. So, hopefully my kids going to be a really good life over here for better education. Yes, I -- I -- I go to Head Start class many times as a volunteer. In their class, I -- I see that they learn how to eat, how to speak, how to brush, how to hand wash, how to -- counting, alphabets. And those are the things -- it -- it -- it counts.

And when they come back home, they always teach me, tell me, "Dad, you are done with your lunch so go and wash your hands." So it's -- it makes a big difference in my life. And I -- I -- I advise parents to send their kids to Head Start so they can be a better citizen of U.S.

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