

**BLANCA SUAREZ**

Ibarra



**How many siblings do you have?**

I have 10 siblings.

**Do you have any pets?**

I don't have pets.

**What are your favorite pastimes or hobbies?**

Cooking and walking

**Are you working? What type of work are you doing?**

Yes, I am working in domestic work.

**Studies**

**Academic level/program :** High School/ Advanced Beautician

**School name:** French Beauty Institute

**Graduation date:** 2015

**What work will you pursue with your program?** Having my beauty salon

**The Foundation**

Margarita and Mike were teachers of my children Gari, Irlanda, and Franchesca at CMT, then Margarita was my teacher in Adult Education. Through the foundation I could achieve one of my goals, to study the profession I now have. My most memorable time with the foundation was my graduation day.

**COVID Disruption**

I became unemployed and when I went back to work during the pandemic; they reduced my salary for the months I worked. The stress and worry of being cooped up and unable to do anything, unable to pay the rent on my house. My family and I had to be quarantined because the father of my children was infected with COVID-19. It was a desperate experience, stressful because we did not know if he infected someone at home. We had to be isolated inside the home itself, unable to go out or receive visitors, all of us psychologically sick and without hope. It was traumatic.