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### **How many siblings do you have?**

I have a sister.

### **Do you have any pets?**

I have a pet (a rabbit).

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

Reading and Cooking

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

I am not working.

### **Studies**

**Academic program:** Finance

**School:** Central University of Ecuador

**Graduation:** 2025

### **What work will you pursue with your program?**

Financial advising for companies and financial management in a bank

### **The Foundation**

Margarita is a friend of my aunt, Elizabeth Gaus. She told me about the Foundation. When I was going through the preparatory course at the Central University of Ecuador, I entered the preparation program for entering the University led by DEOF. I met Margarita and Mike on a picnic day at the Foundation. They were amazing and kind to me. After 2 years I joined DEOF and I am very happy about the opportunity.

They supported me with courage and strength to continue because my family went through a hard time, but little by little we recovered. In my studies, I am very grateful because they helped me with a laptop. Now I will download the programs that I need for my studies.

The meeting where I spoke with Margarita to join DEOF, here I mentioned the hard times that my family lived for the COVID-19. DEOF is a foundation that supports young people in their studies, besides providing emotional and spiritual support. In this way, the Foundation has excellent people and professionals.

### **COVID Disruption**

A couple of months ago the COVID came into my home. My dad started with the symptoms, but the doctors told him it was a strong flu and they gave him some medication. After 2 days, my daddy didn't get better, and it was terrible. I will never forget that day. It was a Wednesday in which my uncle called us and told us it was about COVID, the symptoms that my dad was suffering from. After that, we stopped the medications which gave him an allergy and affected my dad the most. That same night, thank God we got oxygen since the doctor specified to us that, if we did not get this, it was likely that he would die in the morning. Little by little he was recovering. But that wasn't all. My sister, my mom, and I were also infected with COVID-19. Day by day we tried to take care of my daddy. We were tired, but we continued and, in the end, everything went well, but not everything was happy. The virus also infected my grandparents, who live on the first floor. My grandparents have many health problems; they were on oxygen; the situation did not improve with my grandpa so with the soul in pieces we sent him to the hospital.

He has spinal problems and is also diabetic and had a dilated artery that was being treated. When my grandpa was admitted to the hospital the doctors were realistic and they gave us no hope, but God is so great that out of all the statistics my grandpa improved and improved. Currently, he is still on oxygen from home, but he is stable and he is being treated.

