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Daniel's Story

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Years ago, Daniel Lee made the decision to move his family from their homeland of Cuba to the United States in pursuit of a better life. Transitioning to a new country with a different language and customs was difficult. He found himself longing for the white sand beaches, salsa music and food of his native country. Then he found his job at the Westin San Diego.

"The hotel is like another family to me. Before this job, I felt alone and it was hard, but now I feel so supported."

In addition to providing the opportunity for Daniel to practice and feel more confident with his English, his job gives him the financial stability to take care of his family. Now his wife is working in hospitality for the Lodge at Torrey Pines and his son has joined the Westin San Diego team as well.

"Tourism is important to me because it gave jobs to my family and helped us feel at home in our new city. I was even more proud of my industry when I learned how it helps the City of San Diego too."