

The biggest reason I wanted them to come here and for myself was confidence in knowing they can do it, that they aren't less than anybody else, because that tends to foster back home; it's like oh we can't make it out there. Then also embracing who they are, with our dancing and with our culture. They were really like, Mom how come no one knows what this is? How come nobody knows what dancing is? I said you know it's because what we have is special and we need to share that with people. At our first month here, they were invited to an Arabic birthday party, and they just loved it and they were just like, Mom this is so cool, and just having that for their growth and their confidence. Because it is okay to be who you are, you don't have to be anybody else, because everybody appreciates who you are, just like they appreciated that Arabic culture. They were like that is cool, and just to help them grow and be confident. That's what I want for all of our youth back home, is you are somebody, be confident in who you are. Be proud of your identity.