

My New World without Limits

How a Girl with Cerebral Palsy (CP) Can Become a Woman with Goals and Dreams



Hello, my name is Adriana, a 23 year-old girl who arrived from Venezuela to Miami on October 10, 2012. My purpose of coming to Miami was to become an independent woman. Last August, when I went shopping and left Dolphin Mall; I was passing by 107 avenue and I saw Miami Cerebral Palsy (MCP) building. Right after I returned to my hotel I grabbed my computer and I searched at MCP website. I wrote down the contact information and my mom called Chris Mazarella. Then, he e-mailed my mom back for further information.



After two months, I started living with other peers at 144 Court home. At the beginning I was a little bit afraid because of my new home, country, people to live with; also new rules to follow and get used to other people who would take care of me besides my dear mom. After living this journey; I'm so happy and love everybody here at the Life Long Learning Program (LLLP) and at home too. "It's a lot of things". I learned how to be independent with some normal skills e.g., feeding, brushing my teeth, dressing by myself, and other daily living activities. These learning experiences might help me when I start going to College, to study broadcasting Journalism. I want to show other people like me that "If I can do it, they can do it too".



Special Thanks.....

I want to give thanks to my 144 Court home for letting me live each moment of these almost two months for becoming an independent woman. Also, to my mom and my dad for letting me

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I'm very proud to be here at MCP, thanks to Marta, Migdalia and all MCP family "This is a wonderful place".



Finally, I am thankful to GOD "for the chance of living this passage in my life".

I just wanted to share with you, about my new life experience at MCP.

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