



Tell Us Your Story

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I was born in Montevideo, Uruguay. I was adopted at birth and immigrated to the U.S. at one month old with my parents, also immigrants to the U.S.

My father was born in Guatemala and descends from the Mayans. He came to the U.S. at 17 years old to join his father in Watertown. My mother immigrated to the U.S. at 31 years old with my sister. Uruguay has significant European roots. My lineage extends to Spaniard and Armenian descent, and my mother and sister have a strong Italian descent.

My paternal grandfather, Luis Velasquez, was a world class runner with many recognitions and achievements, including placing 3rd in the 1952 Boston Marathon.

I grew up in Newton, Massachusetts and after graduating high school, my parents and sister relocated to Swampscott for beautiful beaches as it reminds my mother of the beautiful oceans and beaches in Uruguay. As a close-knit family, we decided that Swampscott would be our home too.



Photo: Young Carolina with Grandfather, Luis Velasquez

