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My name is Corey Chen. I graduated from University of DeVry Chicago with a bachelor's degree majoring in Electronics Engineering Technology. I am married with three wonderful children. My children are enrolled in the elementary program at AGBMS. I have twin girls both with hearing loss. My family attended a Cued Speech seminar, which is how we heard about AGBMS. We both felt it was necessary to cue in-order to provide the best possible academic opportunities for all of our children. This is where we heard about this wonderful school—AGBMS!

In 2015, I became a full-time dad transporting my children to school. I decided to volunteer at AGBMS. After a few months, I was offered a position as a Teacher Assistant. I have been working as an assistant in the Iris Room for the past three years and have found that I have a true passion for working with this age group as well as a gift for helping children grow and thrive. Last year I attended a special Montessori training for assistants so that I could provide more Montessori knowledge in the classroom for both the Directress and the children. I attained my Paraprofessional certification at that time.

When I heard AGBMS was applying to become a teacher training school I felt this would be the next step in my journey toward fulfilling a new-found passion. I watch every day as the children under my care and supervision, thrive and I daily acquire new skills and knowledge.

Now, my passion for seeing children grow and prosper, has transitioned into a passion to see all the children at AGBMS learn, grow, feel strong and self-confident. I see them changing and growing on a daily-basis. All of this is creating precious memories that would not otherwise be happening for me and my own children.

I listen to what each child has to say and share my thoughts with him/her. I am aware of how children react in certain situations and have learned how to respond and help them. I have been working with an amazing Directress (Ms. Oksana) who is an incredible guide for the children while nurturing my own desire to learn and grow with them.

I also work with our physical education instructors to ensure every child is growing and developing physically. Helping them to develop their gross motor skills is a very special time for them. Teaching them to use every part of their body to move, jump, run, etc. creates the perfect environment for them to become proficient in the use of their large motor skills while refining their fine-motor skills: pouring, pincer grip, holding scissors, cutting, beading, etc. I am excited to begin the journey this year with your child as we grow and prosper together in our quest for knowledge.