I was raised by a single dad who taught me to believe that you really can achieve your dreams if you focus and work hard. Nothing in life is free and anything worth having is worth working hard for. It is a privilege to work with a team that shares these values and advocates for them daily.

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