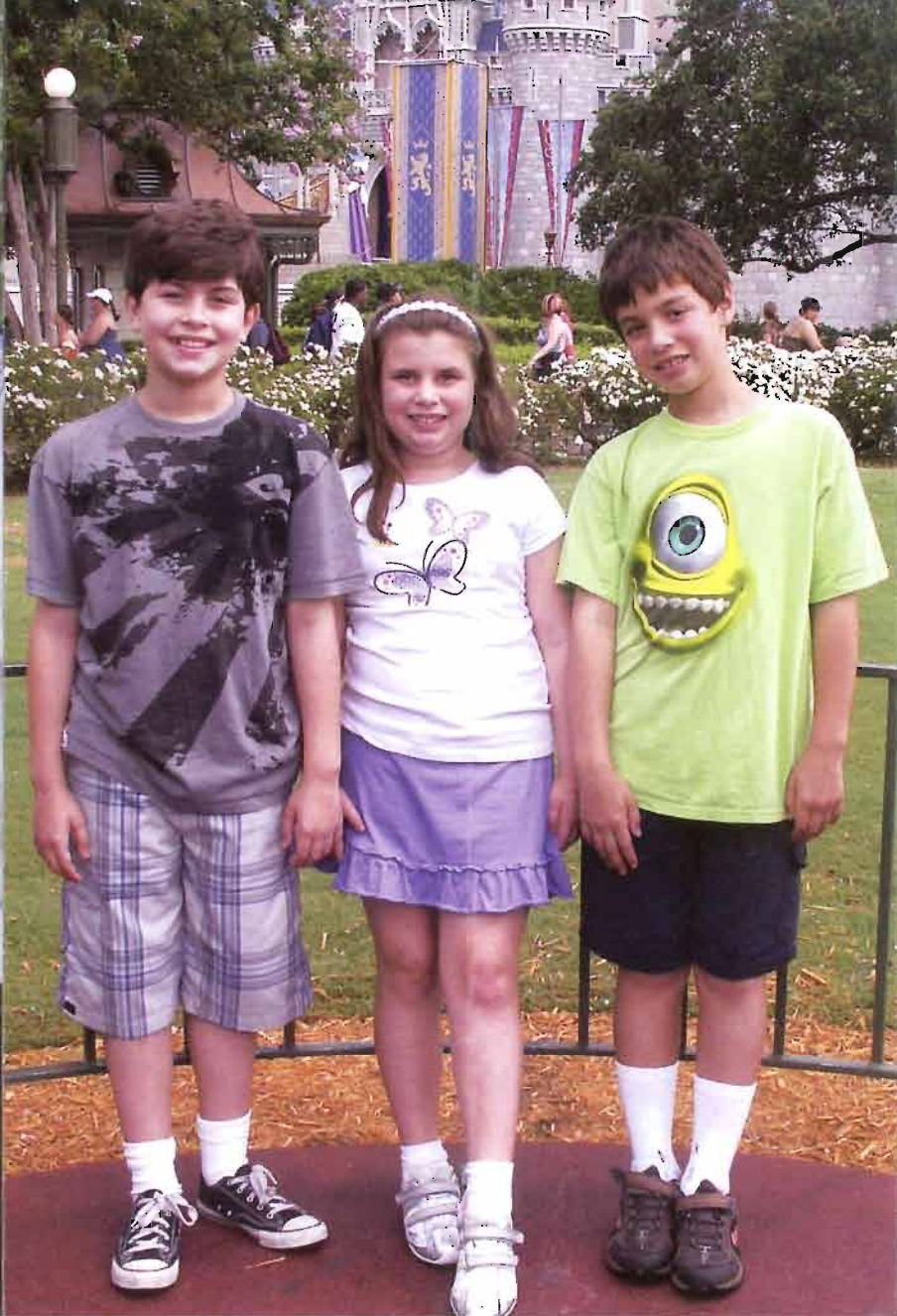


“My family has owned Clemente’s Restaurant in Lincoln Park for three generations. They taught me that through hard work, integrity, respecting others, and giving back to our community we could make our family business a success. Their hard work enabled me to go to college and get a Bachelors of Business Administration Degree in Accounting and to work as a certified public accountant, auditor and eventually, in business planning and finance at Coopers & Lybrand. In 2002, I returned to Clemente’s to carry on my family’s tradition.”

“My wife Cara and I grew up Downriver and are proud to be raising our three children here in the community we love. My children are my greatest achievement and a great source of pride. They have taught me not to sweat the small stuff. Yet I am worried that this current economy will not provide them the opportunities and the “I can do anything” dreams that I had growing up. I hope to build a future for them that is as bright as Cara and mine was as we headed off to college.”

“My cousin, Ed, and I worked side by side washing dishes at Clemente’s as we were growing up. Our extended family is tight-knit, and though Ed and I headed off to college and different careers, we were always drawn back to Clemente’s to lend a hand. As a State Representative, Ed taught me that not all politicians are alike. His ethical compass and hard work delivered real results to our community. This inspired me to realize that you don’t have to be a politician to run for office – that my small business and accounting background may be just what is needed in Lansing during these challenging times.”

“The last few years have been tough for everyone. And, it will take a new perspective, fresh ideas and hard work to make things better. I believe my experience managing a small business and budgets and creating jobs is a perspective badly needed in Lansing. Together, with your support, we can change the “business as usual” culture in Lansing and move forward in a new way.”





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