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I was born in Yugoslavia into a family of Holocaust survivors. My parents were both in labour camps during the World War II and met after the war when they returned to their hometown. We arrived in Sydney to start a new life when I was 3 years old.

My first experience of discrimination was at kindergarten where I was teased because I did not speak English. Growing up in the 50's and 60's, discrimination towards migrants of European nationalities was commonplace.

My work as an international flight attendant and then as a dental practice manager has given me the opportunity to meet people of many nationalities and from all walks of life.

When I first heard about Courage to Care I was inspired and impressed by the program and volunteered to be a part of the organization. I was invited to join the steering committee and have contributed as an onsite coordinator as well as a project manager.

I feel that this is such a worthwhile program because it is directed at school students and teaches them in their formative years the dangers of prejudice and intolerance. It is very rewarding to see the reactions of students to survivor stories and to see that we are making a difference.