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I was born in Hungary after the Second World War. My father was in a forced labour camp during the war while my mother and sister were in hiding during the German occupation of the country. My uncle was tortured and killed by the Nazis.

My parents, sister and I escaped from communist tyranny during the Hungarian revolution of 1956. We settled in Melbourne in 1957.

As an adult I travelled the world, living in England and Israel for a number of years, before returning to Australia to live in Sydney where my wife and I raised our two children. I am an engineer, but I also worked for a short period helping teachers at Moriah College High School.

In addition to some horrific experiences of my family, I had to deal with bullying in school - in Hungary because I was a Jew and in Australia because I was the only non-English speaking migrant in my area.

As a result of my experiences, I can easily identify with victimisation and believe that lessons learned from the Courage to Care program can only help make this a better world.