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My passion for special education sparked as a young child when my younger brother Larre was born with Williams Syndrome. Physicians deemed him severely retarded and incapable of progressing beyond the mind of a two-year-old baby. Although our family was counseled to admit him to an institution and forget that he was born, we chose to see him as an individual with unique gifts and potential; he became an imperative part of my childhood. Through nurturing and specific educational programming of the National Association of Childhood Development, (NACD.org) Larre excelled past a diagnosis to receive a standing ovation at his high school graduation. Learning difficulties are challenging for all involved, though Larre is one of many who prove that a diagnosis does not define your potential.

By that time in Larre's life, I was a mother of my own children- where I applied these same educational approaches with great success. My passion for this form of education is what drove me to become a teacher and has remained at the forefront of my professional and personal life. Children deserve access to an effective educational system that supports their potential. "Once a mom always a mom" is a favorite saying of mine and now that I am retired from teaching and my 10 baby eagles have long since flown the nest it is time to find another outlet for my talents. I would be honored to work in your home, supporting your family in any way possible.

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