

Introduction

- My name is: Romeo El Chaer
- Home Country: Lebanon
- I am a husband and a father of 2 sons (17 & 7)
- I hold a Master's degree in Business Management
- I became a management consultant building ISO 9001 quality management systems within the Middle-East, Gulf region and Central Africa.
- Then I became a business partner and entrepreneur.
- I am now certified as a Life Coach
- I am member of the St. John Adult Choir
- I am a member of the Knights of Columbus
- I am on the Board of Directors of The Maine MultiCultural Center (MMCC) and former member of the Welcoming Immigrant Neighbors (WIN) Program



Part 1: Lebanon

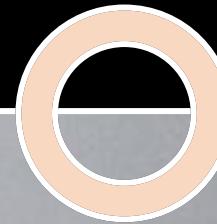


Part 2: Lebanon war 2006

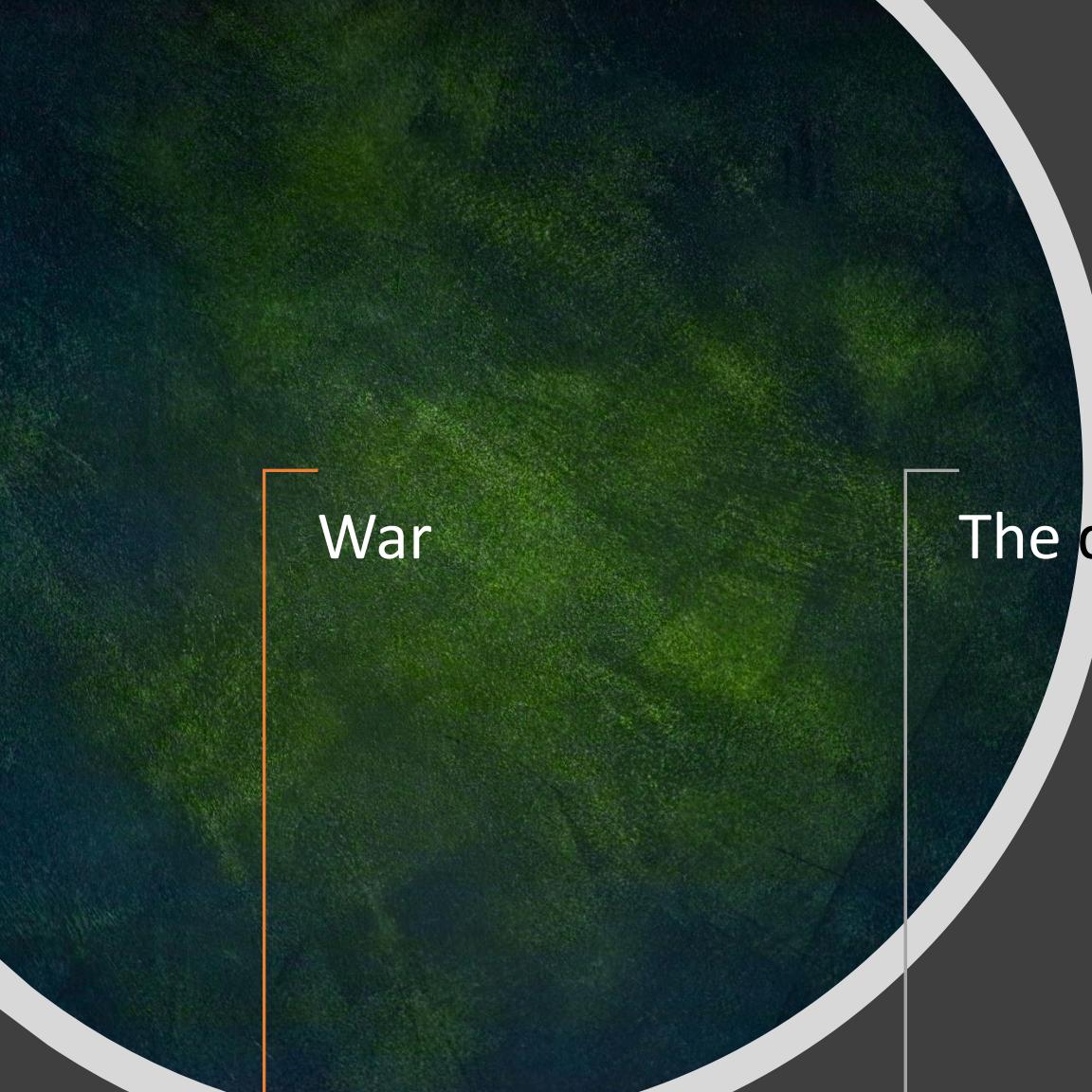
Everything that this country
was slaving to rebuild
turned to rubble once again.



JULY WAR







Part 3: Immigration Process 2007 - 2021

War

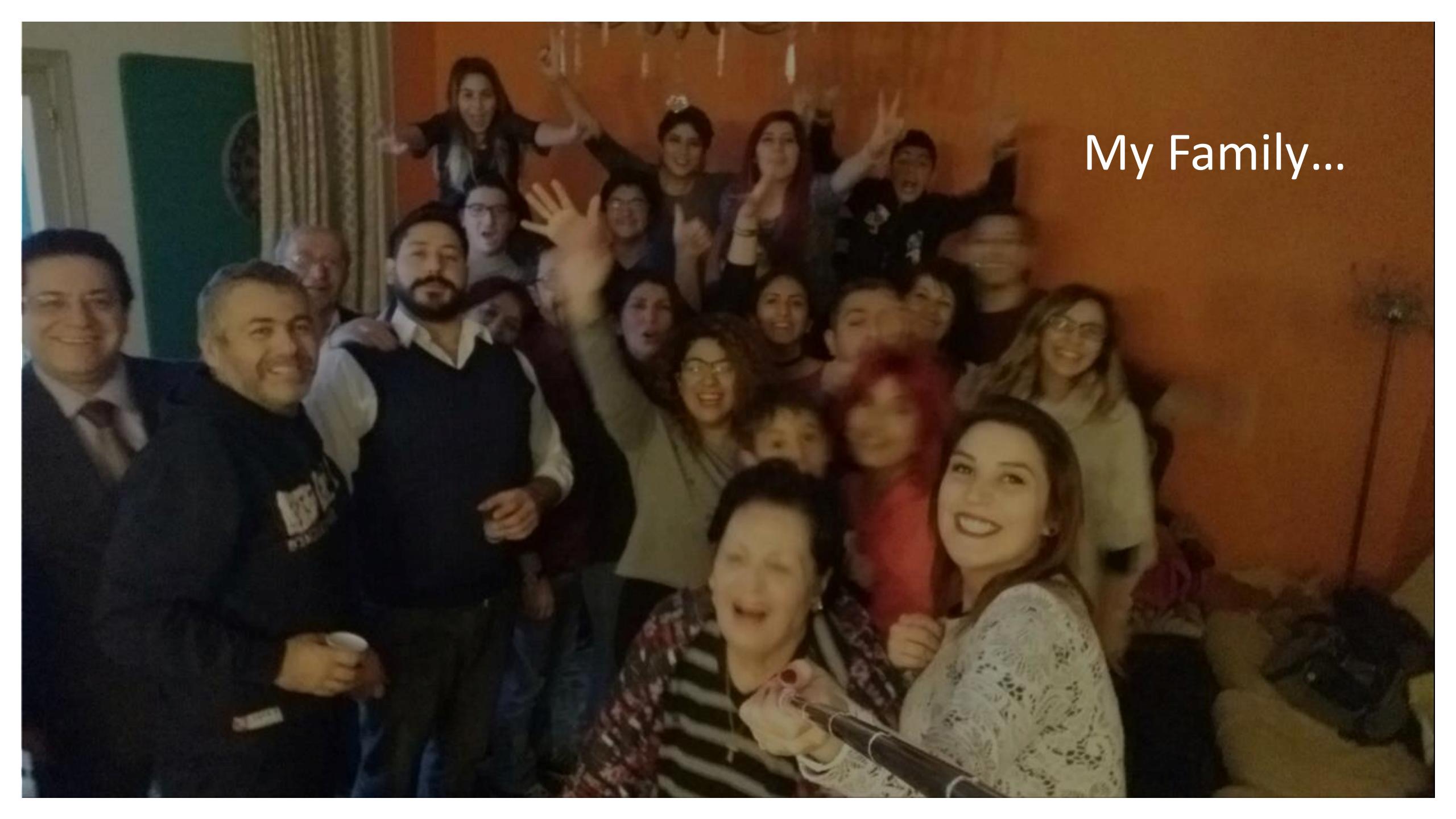
The decision

14 years of stress
and anxiety

2006

2007

2007–2021



My Family...



My restaurant in my village



My Mom





TANIA

LUCKY





Part 5: The Journey to the new world – USA

My life, my dreams, my
hopes...

My kids dreams, future
and their safety!

Part 5: The Journey to the new world – USA

- 27 hours of travel during
- The Pandemic to reach
- Bangor, Maine, USA



April 19th,
2021

WELCOME TO
PHILADELPHIA
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT





Celebrating new life



1st day School



Bowling with friends



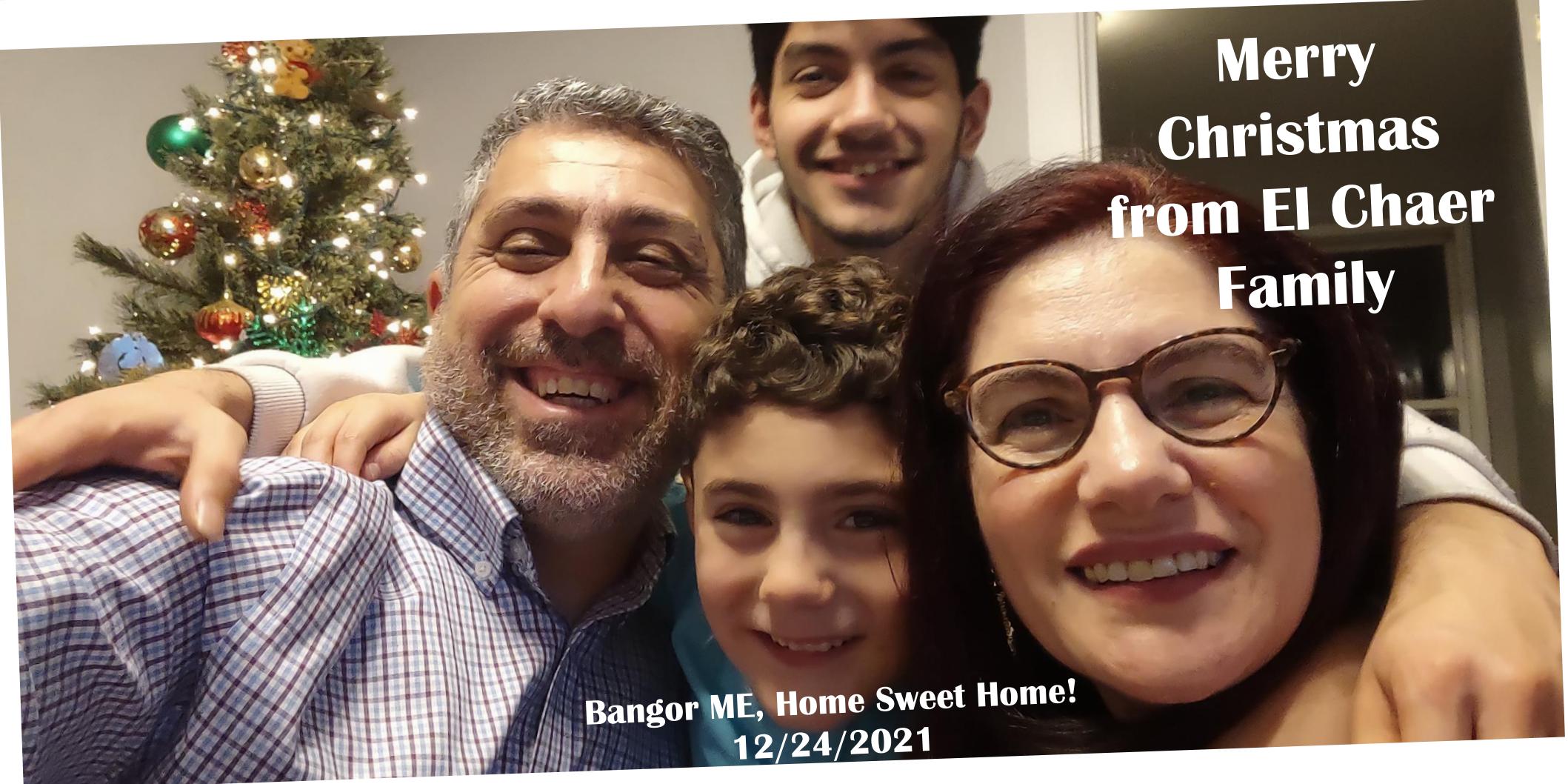
Cribbage Time



Golfing with
friends



Our 1st Thanksgiving



Merry
Christmas
from El Chaer
Family

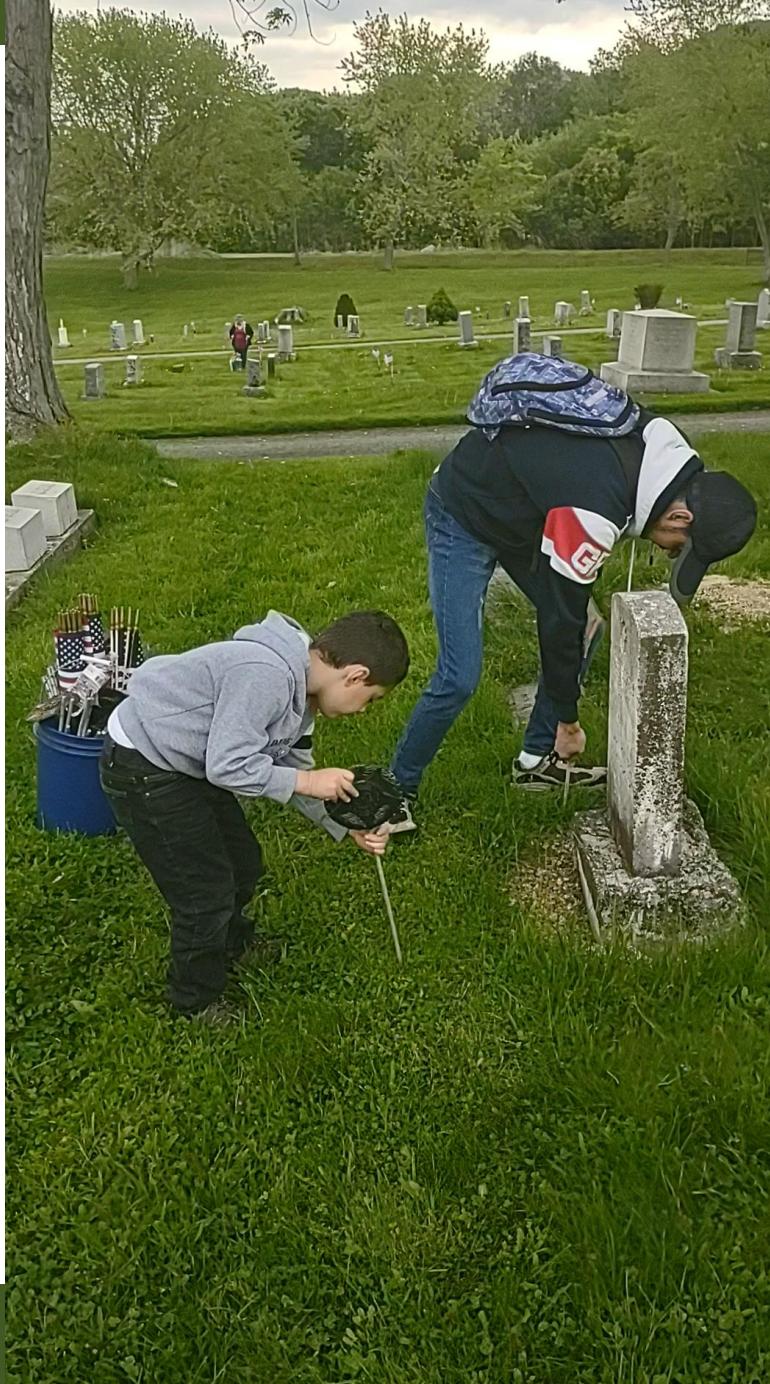
Bangor ME, Home Sweet Home!
12/24/2021



Part 6: New Life – New Home - Maine







Immigrants coming to USA



We are just new people in town
looking for a decent life to live



Some have skills, some are well
educated, some have technical
expertise, others have international
experience...



We are the new workforce backup
for Maine and for its businesses!

What to keep in mind?



- We are survivors 24/7
- We are eager to give back to the community we belong to!
- We want to find a new home!
- We are looking forward to being New Mainers!

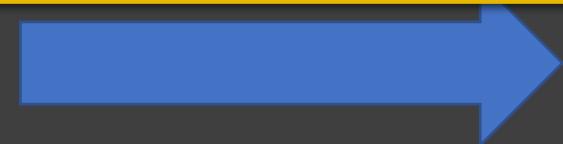


What do we want?

It's very simple. We are looking to work and start living a life where we can get a roof over our heads, feed our families, be safe, and get our children educated...

We are looking mainly for life's basics, and we shall be grateful for that...

and then comes the DREAM to ACCOMPLISH!

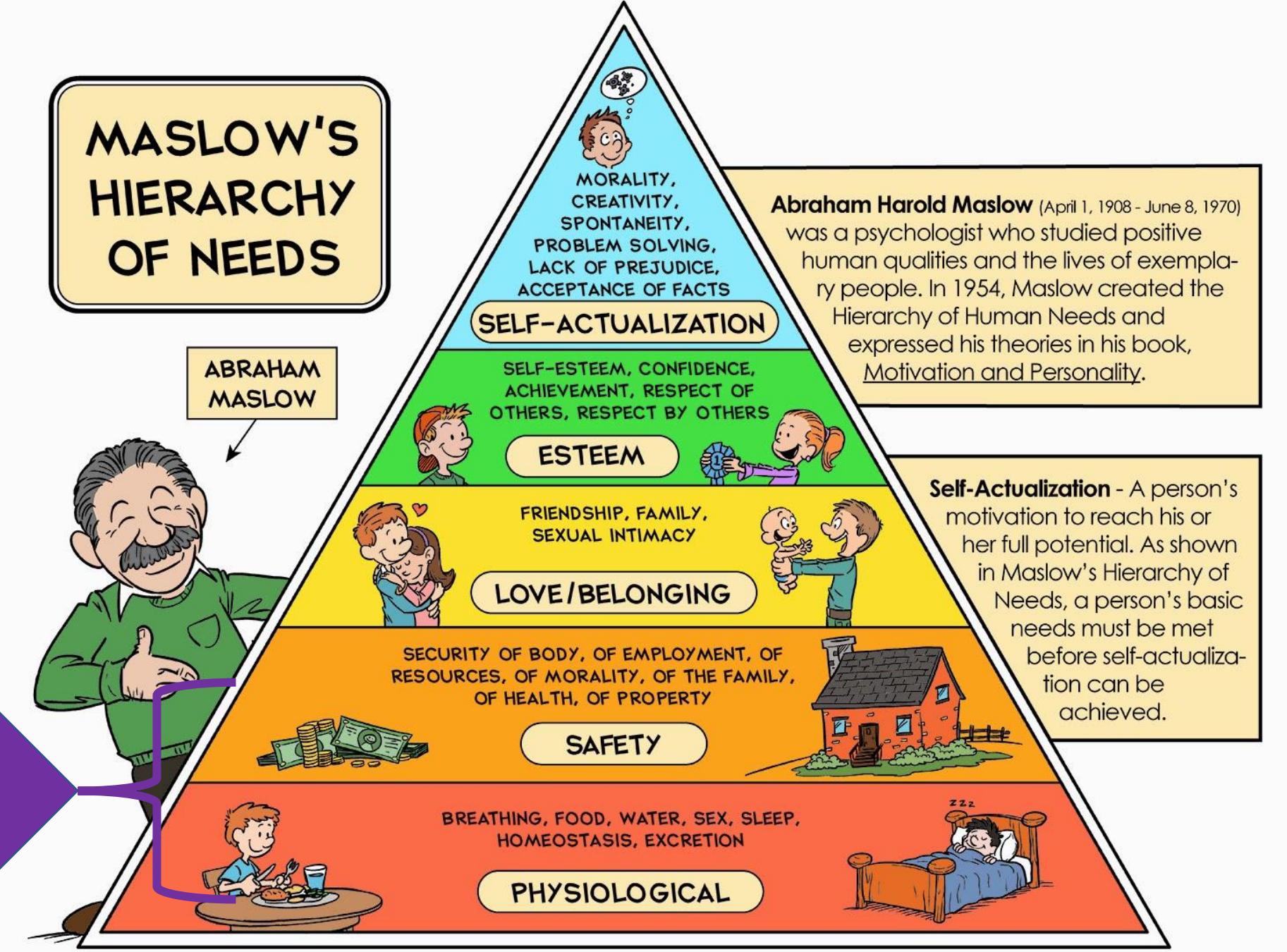


MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

ABRAHAM MASLOW



Immigrants' basic needs



“Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an Ocean.”

~ Ryunosuke Satoro ~



What do we want?



We **need** from You to give us
the chance to be one of you and start
giving back to Maine as New Mainers!

Q&A



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