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“A working day in the life of a policewoman”

It's been a while waiting for this moment. Everything has to be perfect. Well...I know that perfection doesn't exist but at least I have to do my best.

Ms. Garcia was very clear with us- “If you want to increase your possibilities of placement of adopted child, you better introduce yourself as the way you really are”.

And here I am, introducing myself in a letter to the international adoption agency by explaining about myself and my everyday life...

“Dear Sir or Madam,

Describing oneself it is not always easy. We usually talk about other people and feel that we are able to explain about their positive and less positive points, but when the explanation is about one's identity, things become different.

To expound who I am I would like to introducing with a working day in my life.

I am a policewoman.

For the last nine years I have been being part of a big project in my country: to preserve fundamental rights and universal principles.

When I started my professional career as a policewoman I was not aware about the new dimension that my life was going to experience.

I used to believe that police officers were people with a specific vocational orientation to serve and to protect. People with very specific skills developed to deal with social issues. Special people with a familiar tradition in this area. What I want to express is that I didn't consider myself someone meant to be a policewoman. My sense of a professional dedication was different. I was supposed to become a lawyer, as everyone in my inner circle were expecting about me. But, and here there is a real but, when I made the decision to join the police academy, I was making another decision, more personnel and more

essential: to believe in myself as a person who was able to change her life with courage and self-confidence.

We make a lot of decision over the days. Some of these are small decisions and some are bigger, but always we are defining our lives. At that time I was changing my life completely. I wasn't sure about the result but I was awareness about the intention: to become a good policewoman.

So I was twenty nine when I wore the police uniform for the first time and since that I have been working in my daily dedication as a policewoman.

It was a lot to learn when I began and a lot to improve while acting as a public professional and I suppose that becoming a mother has similar processes. There is a lot of discover when you have your baby into your arms and a new dimension is opening in front your eyes. At that moment you are making a deal with your heart: take care of this little baby and I will take care of you.

Working as a policewoman is like making deals constantly. A lot of people are waiting for your ability to solve problems and make decisions. When you integrate a police organization you know that your job is found in the basic principle of public guarantor. They are expecting from you and you feel that this compromise is something big... something special.

Every working day in my life is different.

There are small routines like providing some instructions to my team-working, meeting with my chiefs and organizing the work. Our office is like an operations center for the senior officers in the police force. We are considered experts for them and for the organization and the conducting wire is the excellence at work.

I like the word excellence. I believe in the excellence performed every day in every aspect of my life.

It comes from an internal sentiment about ourselves and the universe that surrounds us. Everything in our life can be excellent, it is just the way you decide you want to experience. In my working day I like expressing this excellence.

When I was assigned to the patrol unit at the beginning of my career I was not expecting to discover the multiple faces that life can have. I was not familiar with suffering, misery, despair or hopelessness. Were they real?, I used to ask me in



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my first year as a policewoman, because I was completely devastated with these social realities. I was focused on finding the solutions.

It has to be something that I can do for these people- I used to say to myself.. and sometimes,.. many times.. I had the opportunities to preserve and protect their universal rights, then, I felt honest with my compromise to become a policewoman.

This patrolling's experience allowed me to become better person. It was like the best version of myself that came out in front of these situations.

After this touching experience I became sure of my decision to join a police organization. Not every working day would be enjoyable, there are still a lot to do for, but when a working day is successful then you feel happily committed with your sense of life.

In my desire to become a mother there is a great excellence sentiment about it. Obviously there are some aspects that remain unknown for me. I haven't been a mother before, but I am sure about my compromise to myself of doing the best for my sons.

I realize that a letter is not enough to know somebody well, but it could be a beginning and my first piece to build my own family.

I hope that there is an excellent opportunity waiting for me.

Sincerely,

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