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Tell us a little bit about your formative years.

I was born in Kabul, Afghanistan. I moved to India when I was 8 years old and I finished elementary school there. I moved to Germany when I was 14, that's where my dad had his business. I finished high school in Germany. Once I graduated, I decided to study in the US. I came to the States in 2001 and went to George Mason University.

What experiences throughout your life have shaped you as an employee today?

Growing up in multiple countries and having to learn different languages helped me adapt to change quickly. Growing up with four brothers taught me to share responsibilities and roll up my sleeves whenever I needed to.

What about your hobbies, what do you for fun?

I love traveling. I've been to Asia, Europe, South America and the Middle East. I hope I can continue to travel.

What experiences throughout your life have shaped you as a manager today?

I've had the opportunity to work with so many intelligent people at Transurban and in different departments – from corporate to operations. Working under managers with different styles also shaped me into the manager I am today.

Do you volunteer or support non-profits? If so, why do those causes or efforts matter to you?

I support organizations that help kids get education or food. No kid deserves to be hungry. This is important to me because I am blessed with two beautiful boys and I would do anything to make sure my kids have food on the table and get the best education.

Tell us a little bit about your formative years.

I grew up in Southern, MD and was one of 14 siblings (7 girls 7 boys).

What about your hobbies, what do you for fun?

Planning and hosting social events for my family and friends is one of my biggest hobbies. My grandmother is a caterer and growing up I always helped and in the process I began to love it myself. I typically have my hand in all of the events we host here at Transurban.

Do you volunteer or support non-profits?

Every summer my sisters and I volunteer at a local recreation center in Washington DC for all-girl classes serving ages 5 to 17. We do activities, group chats and have social events that focus on self-esteem, social change, problem solving, friendship, and life skills. A lot of young woman in the areas where we volunteer have hard lives and don't have positive role models. Just being able to help guide and change the outlooks of these young ladies is amazing.

What experiences throughout your life have shaped you as an employee today?

I would say my first manager at the Department of Labor shaped me as an employee. She set the foundation of my work ethic and I will be forever grateful to her for that.

Describe your colleagues at Transurban. What differences and similarities do you notice among the team members?

I often refer to Transurban as a mixing bowl because we are such a diverse team from all walks of life. We have team members from all over the world, various religions and educational backgrounds. No two people here are alike.