# Jimmy Zhu



### Bio

Jimmy is a new immigrant who moved to the United States with his wife and son. He and his family came to the US primarily to support his son who is here to attend college and to receive a job offer after graduation. Jimmy is trying his best to look for opportunities to maximize his quality of life in Ann Arbor, but due to the language barrier, he is struggling to do so.

Age 49

Ethnicity Chinese

Location Ann Arbor, MI

Marital Status Married

**Education** High School Graduate

Income \$25,000/year

Occupation Restaurant Worker

User Type Dedicated

#### Goals

- + To support his son physically and financially so he can focus on his education and graduate with little to no debt.
- + To become proficient in English reading, speaking, and writing in order to become a United States Citizen and to communicate with others without translation assistance.

## Needs

- + Currently looking for a cheap or free English tutoring service that fits with his work schedule and offers a personalized plan for him to learn English and understand American culture.
- + Seeking to join a Chinese community church where he can cope with his mental illness and build a stronger network.
- + Interested in programs and opportunities both online and offline, such as healthcare and more accessible and healthy grocery stores, that would allow his family to spend less money.

#### Belief

+ Believes that working hard on a daily basis to support his family will eventually allow his son to receive a job with high income and elevate his family's socioeconomic status.

# **Daily Routines**

# Weekdays

#### Work

Eight hours a day, five days a week, as a cook at a local Chinese restaurant

# Art and Music

Writing caligraphy and listening to Classical and Jazz music after work

#### Online Activities

Reading news, watching videos, and communicating with friends and family overseas via Skype.

## Weekend

#### Window Shopping

Going around the city to visit thrift shops, vintage stores, and local museums.

## **Grocery Shopping**

Purchasing groceries necessary for three people that lasts for at least an entire week.

# Technology Skills

Internet

Mobile

Social Media

# Sammy Dervishi



## Bio

Sammy is a new immigrant who moved to the United States alone, leaving her. parents back in Albania. She currently attends a community college, but seeks to transfer to a four-year state university and eventually become a doctor. She is also working while taking classes to pay for her tuition and basic needs.

Age 24

**Ethnicity** Albanian

Location New York City, NY

Marital Status Single

**Education** Currently in Community College

Income \$1,400/month

Occupation Student/Part-Time Waitress

User Type Resourceful

#### Goals

- + To transfer from the local community college to a four-year state university on the Pre-Medicine track. In order to do that, she plans to achieve high marks in her classes and save money in order to pay for her undergraduate and medical school tuition.
- + To improve her English language skills so she can become a United States Citizen and communicate with and establish closer relationships with professors and classmates both online and offline more easily.

#### Needs

- + Searching for local organizations that assist immigrant students through academic, financial, and mental support.
- + Specifically looking for internships and better job opportunities that align with her career path so she can improve her resume and her chances to attend medical school. Unfortunately, the community college she is currently attending lacks an extensive academic advising program for immigrant students.

## Belief

+ Believes that meeting new people, both in and out of academia, is essential to success and hopes to expand both her online and offline social network as she assimilates to American society.

# Daily Routines

# Weekdays

### College Classes

Three hours per day, five days a week at a local community college

#### Exercising

Strength training and running once or twice a week alone or with one of her roommates.

#### Work

Six hours a day after class, five days a week, to pay for tuition and basic needs.

## Weekend

### Binge Watching

Watching multiple episodes of her favorite TV series and movies as one of her pastimes.

#### Socializing

Hanging out with her three Albania roommates by going to the bar, the mall, or playing games at home.

# Technology Skills

Internet

Mobile

Social Media