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Doctor/Mother/Teacher **AGE: 53**

I've spent my life overcoming long odds, and giving back to America for all it's given me.

I was brought to America as a nine-year-old orphan/refugee after the fall of Saigon in 1975. I'll always remember the American marine carrying me off the plane in San Francisco. I was lost and afraid, but I felt safe in his presence. As a teenager, I worked picking berries with other migrant families and dedicated all my time to studying. Through my efforts, I was accepted into Harvard, worked my way through college cleaning bathrooms, and went on to medical school and a residency at UCLA. For the last twenty-five years, I've lived in Orange County, raising my family here and caring for thousands of local children and their families as a pediatrician. I also volunteer to treat local kids who can't afford healthcare, and in my office, I teach and mentor medical students, residents, clinical pediatricians, and nurses. I'm also a two-time breast cancer survivor. Despite my rough start, I've been incredibly lucky in life. I never wanted to do anything professionally but give back to my community, and I never imagined myself as anything but a pediatrician. But with everything I see going on in the country, I feel I have to help in a bigger way. In Congress, I want to focus on fixing healthcare; improving workplaces for women; and giving our children the opportunities they need to reach their full potential.

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