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### Zaya Vijil - Written Story

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My current situation is a wild ride from start to finish. But at least for the last month, I have stayed with two alumni up in Minneapolis, MN at least for the duration of spring term. The reason as to why I had to do this is due to Res Life from Carleton denying my petition to stay on campus. My home is not exactly the safest place for me to stay for long periods of time. Also, I am from a poor working class family that don't equal access to resources that many other Carls are fortunate to have. I don't live in a house, I live in an RV with no access to WiFi or a computer. RV's are not exactly made to be lived in, that is starting to change with the new models, but overall they are normally made for the purpose of camping. We no longer live in New Mexico, since my family moved to Texas after I came to Carleton, so now we don't have access to certain resources that we would have had if we still lived on the Navajo Nation. So, after receiving little to no support from Res Life, I had to go figure out plans on my own. Thankfully thanks to students such as Anna Schumacher and Shalin Carranza and many different alumni, who reached out to alumni who were willing to provide temporary housing for Carls that needed a place to stay. After moving in with my host family for the spring term, so far things have been going well for the most part. I'm still getting used to living with another family and still getting used to online learning and remote instruction.