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Maureen in the 1st grade (left), Maureen with [Anthony Flacco](#), editor of her book: *Moxie: My Life So Far*, at a Bainbridge Island bookstore (upper right), JC Flow at his CD release party in Seattle (lower right)



## Dare to Dream CHILD UNITED

By Maureen Francisco

### Spotlight:

I signed on with [Martin Literary Management](#) to represent my memoir, *Moxie: My Life So Far*. MLM represents several best-selling authors.

My article "[Double Zero: Pick on Someone Your Own Size](#)" is the cover story for [Stiletto Woman Magazine](#) (national magazine). [International Examiner](#) [Issaquah Press](#)

Back-to-back interview on a CBS owned radio station ChatAboutIt with Robert Galinsky about life. Listen to the interviews on [www.maureenfrancisco.com](#) (brand new website thanks to Ruben Malazo who came up with the design).

### CHILD UNITED:

Child United Founder Christine Umayam just got back from the Philippines after dropping off more than 230 boxes of donations to displaced typhoon victims in the Philippines. Read about her journey on [www.ChildUnited.com](#).

Edited by *Solitary 3.0*, [RobRob](#), who got engaged on New Year's Day. Congrats!

### Hi friends:

That's me in the first grade. My family had just immigrated to America from the Philippines. Mom had already started planting seeds in my head about the opportunities before me and how I could be part of the American Dream. Behind those eyes, I was already dreaming big.

More than 25 years since that picture was taken, I've completed my memoir, *Moxie: My Life So Far*.

Anyone who knows me understands, I'm a dreamer. And, I love surrounding myself with other people who also "Dare to Dream" like my friend Jacob Croft. I met him a year ago through my friend Dana. They had just started dating. Jacob did an impromptu performance at her holiday party. It was clear Jacob had a passion for music, the same way I had for my book. I immediately asked him to be the talent for a Child United charity event (non-profit where I volunteer my media expertise). I watched Jacob transform into JC Flow and he's been performing non-stop ever since.

### Who is JC Flow?

JC: He's a hip hop artist. He represents the most fearless version of myself, to be anything

I want to be in music.

### How did the music career come to be? Was it something you've always imagined as a child?

JC: Music has always been a part of my life growing up. My dad was in a band and my mom was in a church choir. In high school, it's when I knew I wanted music to be more than a hobby, but a bigger aspect in my life. In college, I created concepts and made my first album.

### People don't know that you recently got married, you work as a senior business analyst for Boeing, and about to release your CD. Where did you find time to make everything come together?

JC: I have to make choices in life and prioritize wife, family, and friends first and foremost. And, of course, I have to work. With this album, I hit the go button right after the wedding. The timing may not have been right, but you just navigate and figure it out.

### You're a talented impromptu performer. What inspires you?

JC: I would think about an emotion and describe it and navigate my feelings through that

emotion and out comes a song. Same thing free style. I think of a theme, open up my heart and hit play.

### What's next for JC Flow?

Second CD will be out at the end of March. It's called "Identity Crisis" about music and style. I'd love to do large venues and get radio playing time, something I didn't attempt with my first CD.

And, there are others who "Dare to Dream." [Jenny Lin](#) from Bellevue left corporate America and moved to LA to become an actor. Seagal Emily Calhoun transplanted to Hollywood to get in films and TV. Nicole Lowman left Seattle for the Big Apple to pursue dance. [Jefferson Mendoza](#) teaches English in Korea and is also modeling overseas. James Tabafunda is a *Northwest Asian Weekly* reporter and by the end of this year will add marathon finisher to his accomplishments. [Bjorn Anderson](#) of Issaquah is now submitting his film *Eyes in the Dark* to film festivals.

There are so many more similar stories of people who are refusing to hit the snooze button when it comes to their dreams, too many to name. Congratulations! Until next time... "Dare to Dream."

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