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*Charli nskwekwst, Simpcwumc-ken. Fred ell Mary re skwestkwést.s nqéq7etse ell nkík7ece. Tekséle nstsmémelt. River re skwest.s nstémkékelt ell Iss-goo-naht-khi-too-pii re skwest.s nsqwsés7e.*

Hello to you all, my name is Charli Fortier. I am Simpcw. Fred and Mary Fortier are my father and mother. I have two children. My daughter's name is River and my son's name is Iss-goo-naht.

I have been working in the community for the past six years as the Language and Cultural Coordinator. My passion and heart is in the Secwepemc language. My goal is to become as fluent as I can with the mentorship of our few remaining Secwepemctsín speakers in Simpcw. I will also continue to help to create as many new language learners as possible. I have seen the benefits that language and culture have in a person's life and strive to preserve those birthrights for Secwepemc people. Kukwstsemc SRG for the scholarship and the support in my academic goals.