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REPRESENTING IMMIGRANTS

EDUCATING COMMUNITIES

ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

IMMIGRANT LAW CENTER
— OF MINNESOTA —



“I now have the opportunity to better myself and go to college and accomplish in a career. Now I feel like I belong.”

—former client of ILCM

“Now I have hope that even though I’m from a minority, a higher education is still something I can acquire. To me it’s the proof that the United States of America is one of the countries that allows immigrants to have an opportunity to become successful and improve our way of life.

—former client of ILCM

“I no longer have to be afraid of being separated from my family.”

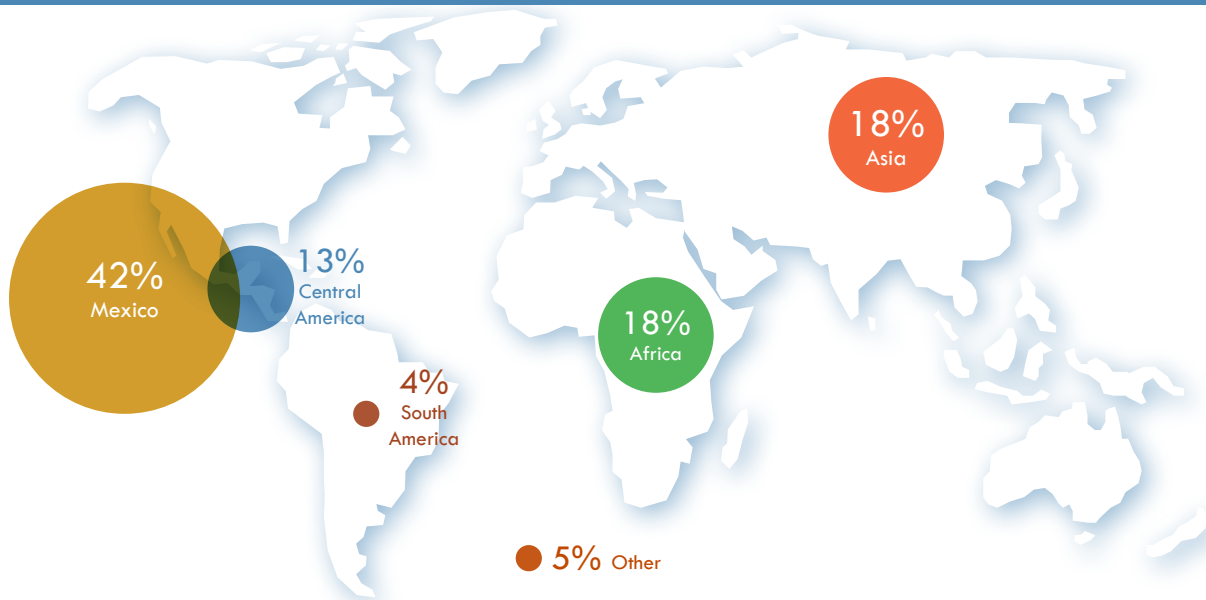
—former client of ILCM

“At ILCM, we believe that justice needs champions who will use all of their wits and resources to work to defend and empower those who have been left without voice. There is so much left to do to make this belief a reality. So we continue to grow, learn, collaborate, and support as we open paths to progress.”

—John Keller, Executive Director

REPRESENTING IMMIGRANTS

The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota enhances opportunities for immigrants and refugees through legal representation for low-income individuals, and through education and advocacy with diverse communities. In our 19th year of independent operation, ILCM provided legal services in a total of 4,465 cases in 2014. On average, the outcome of each case affects 2.5 family members, resulting in an estimated 11,163 individuals served in 2014.



194

INDIVIDUALS
REPRESENTED IN
DEPORTATION
PROCEEDINGS

SERVED
CLIENTS FROM

110

DIFFERENT
COUNTRIES

617

INDIVIDUALS
ASSISTED
IN APPLYING
FOR
CITIZENSHIP

PROVIDED
REPRESENTATION
IN

644

CASES INVOLVING
VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC ABUSE
OR OTHER
VIOLENT CRIME

HELPED

798

YOUNG PEOPLE
HAVE ACCESS TO
OPPORTUNITIES
SUCH AS BETTER
EMPLOYMENT,
HIGHER
EDUCATION,
FINANCIAL
STABILITY, AND
DRIVER'S LICENSES.

2,548

HOURS DONATED BY
PRO BONO ATTORNEYS

1,033

RURAL CLIENTS SERVED,
ACCOUNTING FOR
23 PERCENT OF OUR
TOTAL CASELOAD

ENSURED
THE PERSONAL
SAFETY OF

76

MINORS
THROUGH
LEGAL
PROTECTION



SEIU Local 26 and ILCM offer an informational workshop for community members on President Obama's executive action for immigration reform, just two weeks after the President's announcement on November 20, 2014.

ILCM assisted in leading a coalition that successfully deterred USICS from relocating their Bloomington offices to an area with limited public transportation.



ILCM played a strategic role in the 2014 launch of the Center for New Americans at the University of Minnesota Law School. ILCM continues to work with and support the Center's mission to expand urgently needed legal services for noncitizens, pursue litigation that will improve U.S. immigration laws, and educate noncitizens about their rights.

U.S. Representative John Kline's staff member meets with Karen Velez, a Minnesota DREAMer and former client of ILCM, as well as Reverend Paul Erickson, ILCM policy associate Felipe Illescas, and Karim Bardai, member of the U.S. military and constituent of Representative John Kline's district. ILCM funded a trip for this delegation to lobby for immigration reform in Washington DC during the 2013-2014 legislative session.





◀ John Keller, executive director of ILCM, was presented with the prestigious Ohtli Award by the Mexican Consulate. It is the highest honor given to an individual who has shown remarkable dedication towards the empowerment and development of Mexican and Mexican-American communities.

Bao Thao, ILCM staff attorney, attends a Hmong outreach event in St. Paul.



◀ In 2014, ILCM significantly increased its capacity to serve Hmong and Somali-speaking populations with the addition of two new bilingual legal staff members. Approximately 36 percent of ILCM clients are from Africa and Asia, with large portions of these clients speaking Somali and Hmong.

ILCM's State Advocate of the Year award winners were recognized at ILCM's 2014 Gala for their efforts in bringing about historic change in passing the Minnesota DREAM Act.





At ILCM's Citizenship Day of Welcome event in July, 128 people became U.S. citizens at a special naturalization ceremony held at the Minnesota History Center.

Daniel Del Toro, immigration reform advocate, speaks at a press conference in November 2014 with community members, immigration reform advocates, elected officials, and ILCM staff to celebrate President Obama's historic announcement on new executive action for immigration reform.



Moments after becoming a U.S. citizen at a naturalization ceremony, Zuriyash (pictured left) is congratulated by her pro bono attorney Christina Brusven. Christina assisted Zuriyash in obtaining her citizenship through ILCM's Pro Bono Project.

After giving a workshop on DACA renewal, ILCM's Executive Director John Keller advises a Minnesota DREAMer about her DACA renewal application.



Andrea says that it would be impossible to choose her favorite book because there are so many she loves. At 17 years old, she prefers stories with brave heroines who always save the day, and her dream is to become an editor of science fiction novels. “Without the help of attorneys from the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, my dreams wouldn’t be possible.”



“THERE’S SO MUCH SHE CAN DO NOW. I WANT HER TO CHOOSE WHATEVER INSPIRES HER MOST — AND OF COURSE I’LL BE HERE TO SUPPORT HER.”

Andrea was born in Mexico and her parents brought her to Minnesota when she was just one year old. She says she remembers being a very energetic and social little kid, growing up in rural Minnesota. On the weekends she would always visit the autoshop her dad owned and watch him fix cars, or go to her mother’s taco stand to get a snack. She was carefree and didn’t realize how much of a hindrance her undocumented status would be until she saw how hard life eventually became for her older siblings. After her older sisters graduated from high school, they were heartbroken to watch all of their friends go off to college, while they had to stay behind and find jobs working in restaurant kitchens or cleaning houses.

When Andrea’s mother heard an announcement on Spanish radio about a new program called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), she knew Andrea was young enough to be eligible and was excited to help her apply. They were assisted by an attorney from ILCM who guided them through the application process. Eventually Andrea received a letter in the mail saying she had been approved for DACA.

Andrea’s mother says she and her husband left their home in Mexico, came to the United States, and worked hard establishing their own businesses so that their children could have a better life. “My daughter has had DACA for two years. She has been able to get a driver’s license, get a summer job, and start preparing for college applications. There’s so much she can do now. I want her to choose whatever inspires her most—and of course I’ll be here to support her.” Although Andrea’s mother does not qualify for any existing immigration programs, she is relieved that her daughter is able to benefit from DACA. “Even though I know that these programs can’t help me, my life is better just knowing that my child is safe, and that ahead of her is a bright future.”

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FISCAL YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31

2014

2013

ASSETS

CASH

\$575,577

\$633,505

PREPAIDS

14,459

27,977

RECEIVABLES

681,834

549,099

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES

55,153

32,499

(LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION)

TOTAL ASSETS

\$1,327,023

\$1,243,080

FISCAL YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31

2014

2013

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

80,708

109,129

CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATION

16,868

-

NET ASSETS

UNRESTRICTED

504,269

557,191

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED

725,178

576,760

TOTAL NET ASSETS

\$1,229,447

\$1,133,951

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$1,327,023

\$1,243,080

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31

2014

2013

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

SUPPORT:

CONTRIBUTIONS

\$837,279

\$1,053,644

IN-KIND DONATIONS

441,446

510,564

TOTAL SUPPORT

\$1,278,725

\$1,564,208

REVENUE:

GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

591,134

393,425

OTHER CONTRACTS

103,589

100,268

EARNED INCOME

33,594

15,843

EVENTS/ANNUAL BANQUET

4,683

39,297

MISCELLANEOUS

1,011

1,358

TOTAL REVENUE

\$734,011

\$550,191

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE

\$2,012,736

\$2,114,399

FISCAL YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31

2014

2013

EXPENSE

SUPPORT PROGRAM SERVICES:

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

1,467,670

1,486,009

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

139,574

191,965

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES

\$1,607,244

\$1,677,974

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

122,746

168,867

FUNDRAISING

187,250

137,865

TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES

\$309,996

\$306,732

TOTAL EXPENSE

\$1,917,240

\$1,984,706

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

\$95,496

\$129,693

NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR

1,133,951

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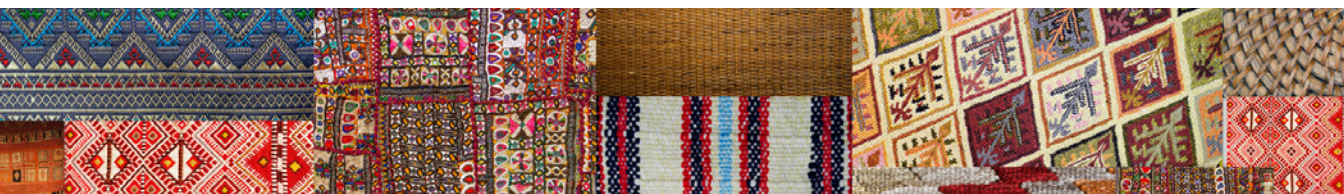
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