



ROSIE

lived with her mother and stepdad. When she was 9-years-old, her stepdad began abusing her. Rosie kept the abuse a secret for many years, fearing that her mother would be deported.

One day, the police were called to their house because of a domestic disturbance. This was when Rosie finally told her mother the truth. That night, her mother took her and escaped, living from motel to motel.

After months of living in fear, they went to the police to report the abuse. Rosie was referred to the **Asian Law Alliance** to help her with a VAWA application as a battered child of a US citizen, giving her and her mother legal status in the U.S. and stability to start a new life.