



AT RMIAN, WE BELIEVE THAT  
100% OF INDIVIDUALS IN LEGAL  
IMMIGRATION PROCEEDINGS  
DESERVE REPRESENTATION FROM  
AN ATTORNEY. PLEASE VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE AT [RMIAN.ORG](https://rmian.org) TO LEARN  
MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN  
SUPPORT THIS GOAL.



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ENSURE  
JUSTICE.  
REPRESENTATION  
FOR ALL.



ANNUAL  
HIGHLIGHTS  
2018



# ALEXIA & NEMO



Alexia was brought to the US from Mexico when she was just one year old. She came to RMIAN at the age of 13 after having been the victim of ongoing abuse. RMIAN provided free representation to Alexia and her mother to apply for U visas and lawful permanent residency. Over six years later, through RMIAN's legal representation, Alexia and her mother became lawful permanent residents. Alexia is now the proud mother of an eight-month-old daughter and is thrilled to finally feel certain that she will be permitted to remain in the US to raise her daughter and pursue her dreams of attending college.

"THE EXCITEMENT AND HAPPINESS I FELT INSIDE WHEN MY RESIDENCY WAS APPROVED CAN'T BE FULLY EXPLAINED. I AM TRULY GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY, THIS CHANCE THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING FOR. I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED ME AT RMIAN. I CAN NOW ACHIEVE BIGGER AND BETTER GOALS FOR MYSELF AND HAVE A BETTER FUTURE WITH MY DAUGHTER."



Originally from Nepal, Nemo was orphaned as a young boy and raised by his aunt and uncle. Nemo and his family were tortured and threatened by the Maoist Communist Party. Desperate to keep him safe, Nemo's aunt took him to an orphanage in Kathmandu, where again he was persecuted by the Maoists. Nevertheless, Nemo worked hard in school, earned a university scholarship, and traveled to the United States to attend college. But, before he could graduate, he was arrested by immigration authorities and detained at the Aurora immigration detention center. Unable to afford a private attorney, RMIAN provided free immigration legal services to Nemo during his nearly year in detention while he applied for asylum. With RMIAN's representation, Nemo proudly walked out of the detention facility as an asylee and will never be forced to return to the horrors he endured in Nepal as a child.

"MY WHOLE LIFE WOULD BE DIFFERENT WITHOUT RMIAN AND I CANNOT THANK THEM ENOUGH FOR SUPPORTING ME THROUGH SUCH A DIFFICULT TIME IN MY LIFE. WITHOUT THEM, I WOULD BE BACK IN NEPAL AND MY HOPES AND DREAMS WOULD BE GONE. BEING DETAINED IS DEPRESSING. FOR A WHOLE YEAR MY LIFE WAS STOPPED, I LOST CONTROL OVER MY FUTURE. I AM STILL TRYING TO GO BACK TO A NORMAL LIFE - IT'S NOT EASY. I WOULD NOT WANT MY WORST ENEMY TO SPEND AN HOUR IN THE DETENTION CENTER. GIVEN WHAT I'VE GONE THROUGH, I WANT TO USE MY VOICE AND PERSPECTIVE TO SPEAK OUT ABOUT WHY DETAINING IMMIGRANTS LIKE ME IS WRONG AND MUST STOP."

## ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

RMIAN PROVIDED

# 223

"KNOW-YOUR-RIGHTS"  
PRESENTATIONS FOR OVER

# 2,600

INDIVIDUALS AT THE AURORA  
IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTER

RMIAN'S CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
ATTORNEYS DIRECTLY REPRESENTED

# 370

CLIENTS

RMIAN CONDUCTED

# 1,386

INTAKE MEETINGS WITH INDIVIDUALS AT  
THE AURORA DETENTION CENTER AND  
SPECIALIZED FOLLOW-UP SUPPORT WITH

# 569

INDIVIDUALS

ALTOGETHER, RMIAN'S  
DETENTION PROGRAM AND  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM REFERRED

# 211

CASES TO VOLUNTEER LAWYERS

THESE PRO BONO  
ATTORNEYS DEDICATED  
APPROXIMATELY

# 8,440

HOURS TO RMIAN AND ITS CLIENTS

TOTALING  
NEARLY

# \$1.7 M

OF IN-KIND SUPPORT

RMIAN'S STAFF ATTORNEYS PROVIDED DIRECT LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO 65 DETAINED CLIENTS

RMIAN'S SOCIAL SERVICE  
PROJECT PROVIDED HOLISTIC,  
WRAP AROUND SUPPORT FOR

# 76

 DETAINED  
CLIENTS

RMIAN STAFF  
MEMBERS PROVIDED

# 89

 COMMUNITY  
PRESENTATIONS

TO MORE THAN  

# 5,724

  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS.