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FERNANDO

Fernando came to the U.S. nearly two decades ago, fleeing violence in his home country. He met his wife in Wisconsin and together they raised their family of three children. Eventually they moved back to Colorado where he supported their family through long hours in construction, landscaping, and auto repair. In a stroke of bad luck, Fernando was arrested by ICE agents at his place of employment and taken into custody at the Aurora immigration detention center. Unable to afford a private attorney, Fernando was connected to a RMIAN lawyer who represented him as he fought his case to be able to stay with his family in the U.S. After eight long months in detention, in June 2019, Fernando won his case and was granted lawful permanent residence.

“I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD BE DETAINED FOR SO LONG. THERE WERE TIMES WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT GIVING UP AND ASKING TO BE DEPORTED. BUT THINKING ABOUT MY FAMILY GAVE ME STRENGTH AND COURAGE. AND WHEN YOU HAVE A LAWYER BY YOUR SIDE, YOU REGAIN FAITH AND HOPE. I FELT IN CONTROL. IF RMIAN HADN'T HELPED ME, I WOULD BE IN MEXICO, PROBABLY DEAD GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, LEAVING MY FAMILY ALONE BEHIND. I DON'T WANT TO IMAGINE IT. I FEEL FORTUNATE TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HELP FROM RMIAN. WITHOUT MY LAWYER, I WOULDN'T BE HERE, ON THE OUTSIDE WITH MY FAMILY.”

TANIA



Tania was a young child when she became the victim of abuse. As a result, the Colorado Department of Human Services removed her from her home and she was placed with a foster family. Fortunately, Tania was connected to RMIAN. After an intake, one of RMIAN's staff attorneys began representing her in her immigration case. With RMIAN's help, Tania was able to petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and a green card, which was granted in October 2019. Now a lawful permanent resident, Tania can finally be secure in the knowledge that she can remain in the U.S. with her foster family who loves her, safe from the abuse she was forced to endure as a young child, and safe from deportation.

“AFTER SO MUCH HAD HAPPENED IN MY LIFE, I COULDN'T BELIEVE HOW EASY IT WAS TO WORK WITH RMIAN. MY ATTORNEY TOOK CARE OF EVERYTHING FOR ME, FROM SCHEDULING MY APPOINTMENTS TO GETTING MY WORK PERMIT. RMIAN CALLED ME REGULARLY TO KEEP ME UPDATED ON ANY PROGRESS IN MY CASE, EVEN WHEN THERE WAS LITTLE NEWS. I FELT THEY REALLY CARED. SINCE GETTING MY GREEN CARD, I FEEL LIKE I HAVE BEEN GIVEN A NEW LIFE WITH MY FOSTER FAMILY, MY FRIENDS, AND SCHOOL. ALTHOUGH I MISS MY BIOLOGICAL FAMILY, I HOPE I CAN CONTINUE TO GROW AND MAKE THEM PROUD. I HAVE MY LIFE AHEAD OF ME NOW!”

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CLIENTS DIRECTLY REPRESENTED
BY RMIAN STAFF ATTORNEYS

497

CLIENTS REFERRED TO RMIAN
PRO BONO ATTORNEYS

691

VALUE OF IN-KIND LEGAL REPRESENTATION
BY RMIAN PRO BONO ATTORNEYS

\$4.4 M

PEOPLE REACHED BY "KNOW
YOUR RIGHTS" PRESENTATIONS

6,608

INDIVIDUAL LEGAL INTAKES CONDUCTED

2,354

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED
COMMUNITY TRAININGS

4,402

CLIENTS PROVIDED HOLISTIC SUPPORT FROM
RMIAN'S SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECT

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AT RMIAN, WE BELIEVE THAT 100%

OF INDIVIDUALS IN IMMIGRATION

PROCEEDINGS SHOULD BE

REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY.

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