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Dear LACLJ Supporter,

California is one of the nation's top four destination states for trafficking and 75% of trafficking victims are women and girls\*. **LACLJ's wrap-around services help survivors access community resources and leverage legal remedies to create a new future for them and their families.**

I'm happy to share that LACLJ is expanding its trafficking work for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Check out some of our highlights from this month, including two recently awarded grants and the latest client success story.

Thank you,

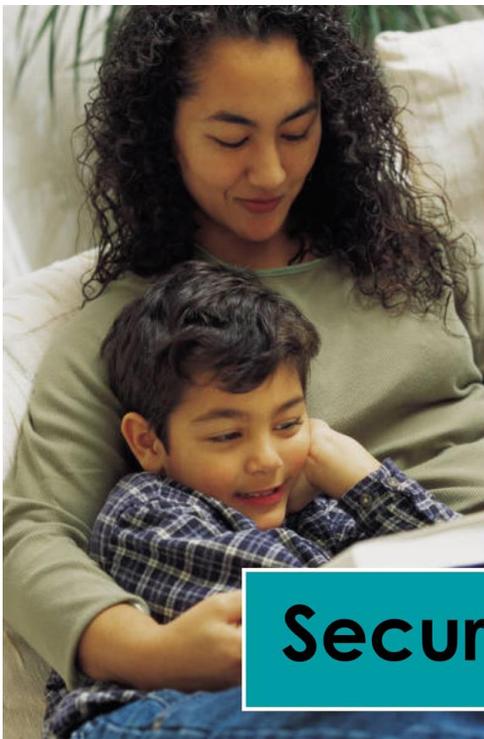
Matt Strieker  
Executive Director



## New Trafficking Grant

LACLJ was recently awarded a **\$700,000 grant** from the Office of Justice for the **Specialized Services for Victims of Human Trafficking Program**. LACLJ will provide comprehensive, victim-centered legal services, such as immigration, family law, victim-witness advocacy, as well as on-site case management.

**LACLJ is proud to partner with CAST** on this grant, who will refer human trafficking survivors to LACLJ for services, provide professional development training to legal and case management staff, and provide technical assistance. Services will target the high-need area of Los Angeles County, with an emphasis on the Spanish-speaking immigrant population.



Sofia grew up with her family in a small farming town in Mexico, working in a ranch owned by a man named Raul. After she grew up, **Raul proposed to her and promised to always love her and financially provide for her.** Sofia was excited for her future, but when Raul arranged for her to enter the U.S. illegally, his behavior completely changed.

## Securing a T-Visa for Sofia

For years, Sofia was forced to work 12 hour days without pay. **Raul sexually and physically abused her, and kept her isolated by threatening her with deportation.** One day, after Raul almost strangulated Sofia to keep her from caring for their sick son, Sofia gathered the courage to report him to the police.

At LACLJ, we were able to help educate Sofia on her rights as an undocumented immigrant survivor of domestic violence. **Sofia was a survivor of labor trafficking – a severe form of human trafficking.** LACLJ attorneys helped her file for a Trafficking Visa to help her access the resources she would need to start over.

Sofia's application was recently approved and she was able to obtain a work permit. **Now, she can focus on rebuilding her life, with new hope for a better future for her and her son.**



## S. Mark Taper Foundation Grant Award

LACLJ recently received a **\$100,000 grant** from the S. Mark Taper Foundation to provide **free legal services** to low-income survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The Foundation's grant will help fund key components of LACLJ's service model, including **wrap-around supportive services** and the continued implementation of trauma-informed practices to strengthen the impact of our programs. **Thank you S. Mark Taper Foundation!**

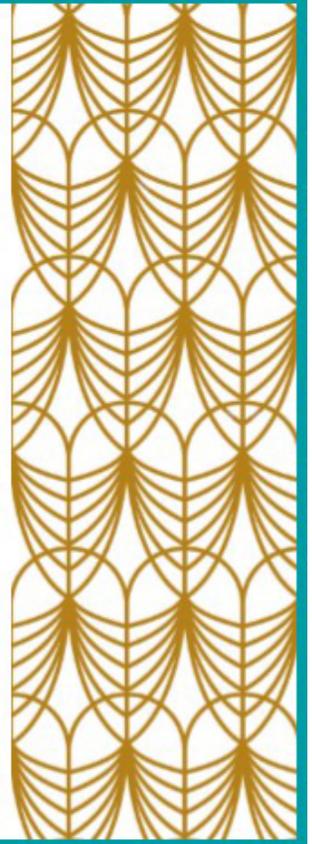
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