



Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice

January Newsletter

Dear Supporters,

A new year always brings to mind a new start. And this year, after everything that happened in 2020, our community is eager for change.

At LACLJ, our priority is ensuring the families we serve can safely access the justice system and achieve freedom from violence. We will also be advocating for immigration policies that provide real solutions for survivors and remedy the increased risks and barriers they have been forced to confront over the past four years.

As we take on these challenges, we also celebrate new successes already happening in 2021. Below you can read about a survivor who recently got her T Visa approved and is experiencing newfound freedom. We also launched our new website and a new virtual event coming up in March.

I hope you'll continue to join us in this new year and make an impact for survivors in our community. Together, change is possible.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norayma Cabot', written in a cursive style.

Norayma Cabot
Executive Director

Note: LACLJ serves survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and some client stories may be triggering.



A LONG ROAD TO FREEDOM

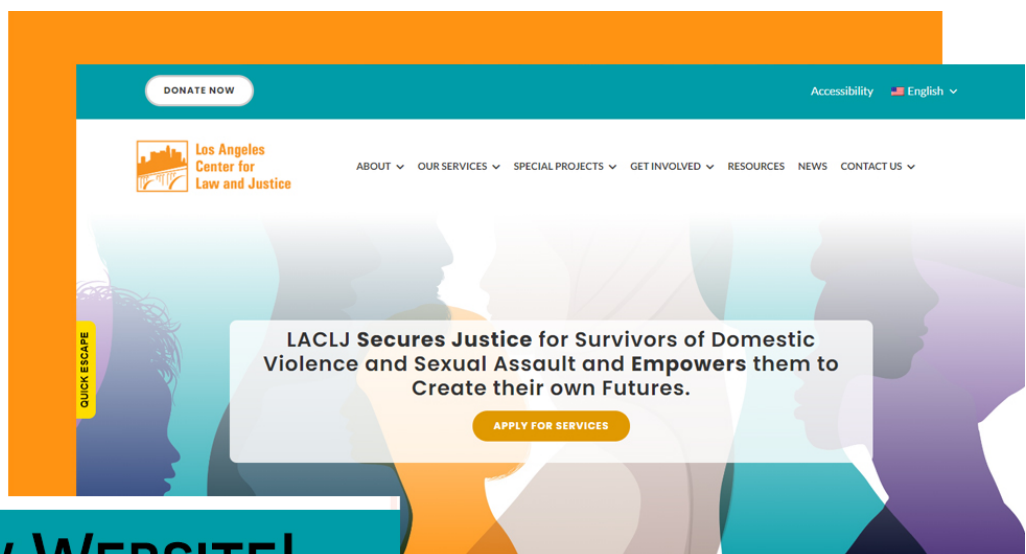
Lupe* was sent to the U.S. to be a nanny and housekeeper for a wealthier family from her village. She worked long hours, 7 days a week and was paid only an extremely small amount. Soon, **it was clear Lupe had no freedom** to come or go from the house where she worked and lived.

Her trafficker scared her, telling tales of immigration agents looking for people like her to deport and saying she could not trust anyone. He constantly watched over her and even controlled who she could interact with.

Lupe escaped the situation by marrying an acquaintance of her trafficker, only to suffer many years of domestic violence. After leaving her abusive relationship, she sought help.

LACLJ listened to Lupe's story and helped her report her labor trafficking to the FBI and file a T Visa application. But USCIS denied her application. Lupe was scared she'd be deported.

LACLJ continued to advocate for Lupe. We successfully **appealed to the Administrative Appeals Office** and USCIS granted her T Visa. Free from her trafficker and abusive husband, **Lupe now has a work permit and no longer fears deportation.**



NEW WEBSITE!

LACLJ updated its website to include brand new and exciting features for the community. Survivors can now apply for services directly through our website through our new [Application Page](#). Volunteers can also submit their application [online](#), and service providers can request LACLJ's Community Trainings through our new [Request Page](#).

We've also added new Accessibility features to ensure information is available for individuals of all abilities. Additionally, we included all of our [Resources](#) for download so anyone can learn about Domestic Violence, Representing Yourself in Court, Custody Tips, and more.

[Click here](#) to explore our new website.



We're happy to share that LACLJ is hosting our very first virtual run/walk this year! Join us by running or walking 1 mile, a 5k or 10k and help support free legal services so survivors can secure safety and justice.

Registration is only \$40 and proceeds give survivors and their families access to free community services. Check out our event page today!

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**Name and photo changed to protect client's privacy.*



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