

Hola amigas y amigos,

Our names are Ginna and Oscar. We are political asylees from Columbia. As victims of the armed conflict, we fled our country, leaving our jobs, our family, and our friends. Three years ago, we came to the Chicago area. We felt peace having escaped our perpetrators, but we were unsure about our future.



Imagine how you would feel if you had to run from the familiar to the unknown.

Finding [Illinois Legal Aid Online](#) (ILAO) was a light during dark, challenging times. We faced many issues in our transition to a new country. ILAO provided us with vital legal help in our native tongue.

We arrived in America with a will to survive and help others, like us.

Today we are lucky. We have jobs, we have a roof over our heads, we have food on our table. We have come a long way in three years.

We now volunteer with ILAO as community navigators, educating other Spanish-speakers about their legal rights. Paying it forward is important to us. We share our stories so others may benefit from ILAO. We help so people can lead a better, more dignified life.

Because of ILAO's generous donors like you, we received help and hope.

We share our story so will you hear from the people ILAO helps. Your support of ILAO means a lot to us – and to the 3 million others who come to ILAO each year, seeking justice.

ILAO believes in justice for all – not just for those who can afford a lawyer.

We are grateful to ILAO and to you for supporting this wonderful organization. ILAO was our light in the night. **By supporting ILAO, you are supporting us. And so many others.**

We came to America to escape the fear and danger that we experienced in Columbia. America is the land of opportunity. Thanks to ILAO, we found opportunities, and now share ILAO with others seeking justice.

You can learn about us through our video at <https://www.youtube.com/user/IllinoisLegalAid>.
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