

## From silence to citizenship - when you donate to CAPSA, you fund programs that changes lives for generations!

Immigration status is often weaponized in abusive relationships.

In her case, her husband used her uncertain immigration status as a means of control, frequently threatening to have her deported. When she discovered she was pregnant, the emotional burden became unbearable. She initially contacted CAPSA, where her

CASEWORK \$401.25 caseworker observed her to be extremely timid—her voice essentially stifled by her circumstances.

EMERGENCY SHELTER ---- \$2,310.00

Out of fear, she disengage with CAPSA. Although we were concerned for her well-being, we respected her choice and assured her that CAPSA would be here whenever she was ready to return.

Months later, after the birth of her son, she did return. Seeking refuge in CAPSA's emergency shelter. During her stay in shelter, we began legal support include filing a Protective Order and connecting her with specialized legal services to navigate the complexities of domestic abuse intertwined with immigration issues.

Because of her citizenship status, we placed her in one of CAPSA's owned transitional homes. Which she ultimately utilized for 8 months.

CAPSA HOUSING \$7,303.50 COACH FUNDS-\$950.00 During the legal process, it came to light that her husband had deliberately withheld vital documentation, obstructing her from securing her Green Card. With the help of CAPSA's COACH Funds, she had the funds to petition on her behalf. The outcome was transformative: she achieved her Green Card and residency.

But perhaps the most significant transformation was internal. When the time came to appear in court for her Protective Order, she amazed her caseworker by confidently advocating for both herself and her son.

The once-timid woman had found her voice. As she exited the courtroom, her gratitude was heartfelt. "I feel free, I feel safe, and I feel like there is a future for me and my son—thank you," she expressed.

At CAPSA, witnessing her metamorphosis—from silenced to citizen, from victim to empowered self-advocate—serves as a poignant reminder of why we persist in the work we do

TOTAL COST FOR CRISIS AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES WAS \$10.964.75

