WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER, FREEDOM CANNOT BE DETAINED
With your support, the Florence Project provides free legal and social services to detained adults and unaccompanied children facing immigration removal proceedings in Arizona.

With your support, the Florence Project ensures that all immigrants facing removal have access to counsel, understand their rights under the law, and are treated fairly and humanely.

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IN 2017:

**96 COUNTRIES | 81 LANGUAGES**
we served clients from over 96 countries that speak 81 languages

**753**
abused, abandoned, or neglected children were provided with intensive legal services

**7500+**
men, women, and children received legal and social services

**128**
men, women, and children were represented by volunteer attorneys

**255**
men, women, and children received social services
Lucia and Jorge suffered years of horrific abuse and neglect at the hands of their mother in rural Guatemala.

When they were young, their parents separated and their father moved to the U.S. They stayed in Guatemala with their mother, whose alcoholism often manifested in violent rages. “She would tell us she was going to work,” recalled Lucia. “But then she would come home drunk. We didn’t have any food.” When Lucia was eight years old, she started stealing food for her and her siblings so that they could survive.

Last year, Lucia and Jorge fled Guatemala, no longer feeling safe with their mother. Jorge had also been receiving threats from the MS-13, a violent gang that was trying to recruit him.

Like many children, they endured a torturous 20-day journey through Mexico before reaching the U.S.

Once they reached the U.S., they spent a month detained at a children’s shelter before they were reunited with their father. The Florence Project represented the children in their asylum cases, since they were afraid to return home because of the horrific abuse they suffered, and of gang recruitment.

Our staff attorney spent countless hours gathering evidence for their asylum claims and prepared both Lucia and Jorge for their final asylum interviews. In spite of the difficulties inherent in sharing years of trauma and abuse, Lucia and Jorge supported each other throughout the process.

Months after Lucia and Jorge endured grueling asylum interviews, the final decision arrived in the mail—their asylum was granted! Lucia remembered shouting and crying with excitement and relief. Jorge was pleasantly shocked. “I had left it in God’s hands... I never thought I would actually win asylum.” Both Lucia and Jorge are now safely settled in the U.S. with their father.

If You Believe…

Lucia and Jorge after receiving the news that their asylum had been granted.

THANKS TO YOU, IN 2017:

- **4,778** children were provided legal orientation presentations
- **753** new legal cases to represent children were opened
- **164** youth were provided with social services, including assistance with school or educational program enrollment, connecting youth with the appropriate medical and mental health care providers, and linking with community partners that provide housing
- **63** children were represented by volunteer attorneys recruited and mentored by the Florence Project
The Florence Project Children’s Program has been serving unaccompanied minors like Lucia and Jorge for over 18 years, providing support to thousands of children every year.

Thanks to you, our staff provided life-saving services to 4,778 children in 2017. This means that thanks to your support, 4,778 children had the chance to receive legal assessments and representation, children who otherwise would not have had access to justice.

“This work is difficult. Sometimes it’s hard to take a breath... but every success is reenergizing and gratifying. Our team is extremely collaborative, and I believe that because of that, our success rate is much higher than most.”

– Roxana Ortez Avila, Staff Attorney for the Children’s Program

Florence Project staff members, holding three of nearly 75 asylum wins obtained in 2017
When Sergio was in immigration detention, he feared he would never see his wife and daughter again.

Sergio had a childhood rife with traumatic experiences in Central America. As a baby, Sergio’s mother abandoned him and his father committed suicide. Throughout his childhood, he endured constant physical abuse at the hands of his brother.

Sergio fled the abuse long ago, hoping for a new life in the U.S. Sadly, Sergio was picked up and detained by immigration authorities just days after his birthday. His wife, Malena, struggled while Sergio was in immigration detention. She recalled the months of single parenting as some of the hardest of her life. Since Sergio has been the primary breadwinner for the family, she was forced to look for work while he was detained. Although she found a night job cleaning a restaurant, she had to bring their daughter, Lilia, to her overnight shifts because she didn’t have family support or resources for childcare.

“When they detained him I sank into a depression,” Malena said. “I felt hopeless.” Her chronic depression worsened and was compounded by Malena’s diabetes and their daughter’s medical issues. Lilia’s behavior changed dramatically in her father’s absence. Severe asthma attacks resulted in several hospital visits, and speech and learning delays.

Sergio was detained for almost a year before having his final hearing in front of the judge. He is one of the many immigrants who represented himself in his immigration hearing, because there is no public defender system. After hours of preparation with Florence Project help, he knew what he had to do. He submitted his evidence to the judge and spoke eloquently about his plans for the future, and how important it was for him to be there for his family.

And Malena, in spite of enduring a panic attack upon entering the court, managed to stabilize herself and testified on his behalf. After an exhausting seven hour hearing, the immigration judge decided in Sergio’s favor.

Sergio is now hopeful for his future. He has a steady job and learned how to manage the trauma he endured during his young life. Most importantly, he is able to be present for his family.
2017 brought increased uncertainty and fear to immigrant communities. Thanks to your support, the Florence Project created innovative resources and trainings to assist immigrant communities in the face of anti-immigrant threats and rhetoric. In 2017, our staff provided nearly 20 trainings for undocumented or mixed status families on how they can exercise their parental rights, and keep families together, in case they are detained or deported.

It is an honor to partner with community non-profits and churches to bring together parents, attorneys, and advocates to teach each other about how our communities can be prepared for possible family separation. During the trainings, parents learn about their rights, prepare guardianship documents, and receive our bilingual manual that offers information about the immigration and child welfare systems. With your generosity, over 300 people throughout the state of Arizona have created an emergency plan in case of detention or deportation so that they can be reunified with their children. THANK YOU!

THANKS TO YOU, IN 2017:

2,733 men and women were provided with legal orientation presentations; over 50% received extensive legal services

91 men and women were provided with life-saving social services, including connecting clients with medical and mental health providers, finding housing, providing a network of support, and enrolling clients in educational programs so that they can be successful as new residents in the community

65 men and women were represented by volunteer attorneys recruited and mentored by the Florence Project
“My family’s immigration story gives me so much passion and conviction for the Florence Project.”

PRO BONO FEATURE
José Carrillo

Born and raised in Nogales, AZ, immigration was always at the forefront of José Carrillo’s life.

José’s grandmother lived in Mexico and in the 1940s was wed to an abusive husband. She spent most days behind a padlocked door while he was at work. **She was constantly afraid. After years of abuse, she summoned the courage to escape with her baby boy.**

She filled her son’s diaper bag with the money she saved and broke a glass window to escape her husband’s house. She and her son traveled hundreds of miles to the California border, seeking safety.

A few years later she remarried, settled in Nogales, and had more children. When that same baby boy became an adult, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Although he was not a citizen yet, he had a deep appreciation and love for this country. One day when José’s grandmother was at work, she saw her husband approaching with two men in their Dress Blue Uniforms. She knew immediately what this meant, and her heart dropped. That little boy who courageously crossed the border with his mother had been killed in action for the only country he had ever known and loved.

Many years later, her grandson, José, took his first pro bono case with the Florence Project. His first client was a young woman from Central America, who has since gotten her green card. “Seeing her grow throughout the process and building a relationship with her is the most rewarding thing I’ve ever done,” José said.

For José, the need for the Florence Project has never been more apparent, and his commitment continues to grow. “When the opportunity came to join the Board of Directors, it seemed like the natural next step, and I’m honored to continue to work with the Florence Project in a growing capacity.”

“Working as a pro bono attorney with the Florence Project is the most fulfilling experience I have ever had. Through this work, I have had the opportunity to change someone’s life.”
THANKS TO YOU, 128 MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN WERE REPRESENTED BY PRO BONO ATTORNEYS!

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In 2016, Elbia fled Central America after suffering years of unspeakable violence at the hands of her partner.

At the age of 14, Elbia was first approached by a 15 year old boy who asked her to be his girlfriend. When she refused, he pressured her relentlessly. Two years later, Elbia was living with him, was raped repeatedly and found herself trapped in an abusive relationship. Elbia became terrified of her partner’s entire family. Her partner’s dad would beat his wife, his daughter, and even her. He would chase her around the house, forcing her to run into a bedroom and slam the door shut.

In spite of her multiple attempts to leave him and move in with her family, Elbia found it impossible to escape. Each time she tried to leave, he would enlist the rest of the community to force her back into the relationship. Since she lived in a small town with no law enforcement, Elbia had nobody to call when her partner beat her. After years of sustained abuse, she courageously fled.

Upon arrival at the border, where Elbia voluntarily presented herself, immigration authorities took her into custody and she was held at the Eloy Detention Center. Florence Project attorneys met Elbia at Eloy, and knew immediately she had a strong asylum case on grounds of domestic violence abuse. The Florence Project was able to represent Elbia, co-counseling with the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies at UC Hastings Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, experts in domestic violence asylum law.

Elbia had been detained at Eloy for a year and two months before her final hearing. She found being in detention extremely traumatizing. “During my first court hearing, I couldn’t bear it. When they asked me about my past I suddenly felt such despair, I started to cry uncontrollably until they gave me a water break.” Unbelievably, the power went out during her final hearing and it was postponed for another two months. Elbia couldn’t bear the thought of being detained any longer, and broke down in tears.

About a month later, we were able to schedule a bond hearing. Sadly, the judge set a $20,000 bond, stating that she was an extreme flight risk. Again, Elbia was devastated. Two community members visiting her in detention were so touched by Elbia’s story they pooled their savings and paid the $20,000 bond. She was released the next day.

A few months later, it was time for her final hearing. Elbia held such strong composure, despite aggressive questioning from the government attorneys and the judge. In the end, the government didn’t even present a closing argument. The judge didn’t rule on the case at the end of the hearing, but personally called our attorney the following day to let her know that he granted Elbia asylum.

Photo courtesy of CGRS; Elbia with volunteer expert Linda Green after her final hearing.
The Florence Project values our partnerships with local and national organizations, partnerships which allow us to deepen our impact and build off of each other's expertise. In addition to partnering with the UC Hastings Center for Gender and Refugee Studies and University of Arizona College of Law to serve women with domestic violence asylum claims, we partnered with the Kino Border Initiative and Phoenix Legal Action Network to expand representation of asylum seekers detained in Arizona and immigrants in need of legal representation in Phoenix, respectively. We also partnered with Women’s Refugee Commission, National Immigrant Justice Center, Detention Watch Network, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and Human Rights First, among others, on advocacy efforts to make systemic change.

In collaboration with our partners, the Florence Project is part of the national conversation, and together actively push towards changing laws that so deeply impact our clients. We will continue to work towards hope, justice, and freedom, so that all immigrants have the right to be safe, to be treated with dignity, and to know their rights under the law.
You have impacted the lives of thousands – THANK YOU!

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REVENUE
Total: $5,325,633.68
Grants & Contracts: $4,294,049.37 81%
Foundations: $644,833.00 12%
Individuals: $287,419.55 5%
Other (Corporations, Faith Based Orgs, Law Firms): $99,331.76 2%

EXPENSES
Total: $4,464,439.18
Program Services: $3,729,530.13 83%
Operating Costs: $531,982.40 12%
Fundraising: $202,926.65 5%

ASSETS
Increase in Total Net Assets: $435,071.03
Total Net Assets Beginning of 2017: $4,312,334.67
Total Net Assets End of 2017: $4,747,405.70

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2017 was a challenging year for immigrants and refugees, especially in Arizona. Thanks to you, we served nearly 8,000 men, women, an children in immigration detention. We established innovative partnerships to increase access to justice, represented an unprecedented number of children in asylum hearings, and stood strong against unjust policies such as separating families and prolonged detention. We proudly received the Community Service Award from Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association and the Law College Association Award from University of Arizona Law.

Your support allows us to respond and responsibily plan for what lies ahead. We’re increasing supervision of our direct representation team in Eloy and Florence, and increasing legal representation for detained men and women who are spending more time in detention due to the current political climate. We are deepening our advocacy and our appellate work to make systemic changes, and furthering partnerships with organizations to better serve our clients. We are growing our mental health team to serve more individuals with serious mental health issues. We are once again gearing up for extraordinary numbers of asylum proceedings for children fleeing harm, each one requiring hours of preparation by our trauma-informed staff. Our social workers are offering workshops on life skills for our young clients, helping them navigate complicated systems, and settle in to our communities, after winning their legal cases. We are revamping our website to better share client stories and resource materials with people all over the country.

I’m proud of our accomplishments, and I am in awe of the dedication, creativity, and tenacity of our staff, board, volunteers, and clients. Thank you for reading our stories of hope.

We are grateful for your support. Thank you for standing with us. We look forward to 2018 with you standing by our side.

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