

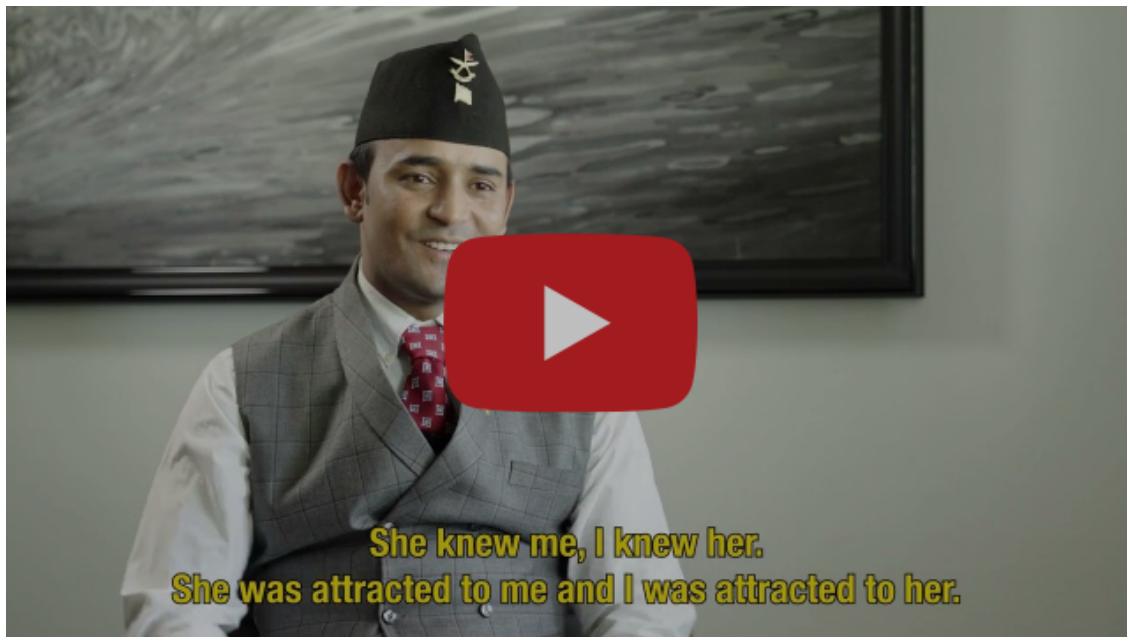


Can you imagine being all alone and trying to navigate a complex system that is violently stacked against you? Can you also imagine that choosing life and a better future is just beyond your grasp?

Hari was forced to flee his beloved home of Nepal because he was persecuted for speaking up in defense of others. He was legally eligible to seek asylum in the US but needed guidance to figure out the complicated process.

Jose, from Honduras, was the survivor of a random shooting in the US and, because of this violent crime against him and his cooperation with law enforcement, he was eligible to apply for a special visa. Unfortunately, he didn't know how to navigate the complex immigration system to access this life-affirming legal option.

In 2022, American Gateways provided critical legal information and assistance to over 15,000 individuals from 58 countries, empowering them to make informed decisions for themselves and their families. [Will you partner with us to help individuals who have endured unimaginable hardship and trauma, to gain access to safety and a better future in the United States?](#) With your support, their legal options are explained in their own language and legal assistance is available for them to achieve freedom, safety, and hope.



As we reflect on this past year, we are very grateful to you and all of our partners who have allowed us to extend help and hope to those who need it most. You have helped us offer free asylum clinics and representation to Afghan evacuees resettling in Central Texas and free citizenship workshops for long-term residents seeking to become US citizens. You have given us the means to be able to speak out against using migrants' lives as political tools. You have celebrated and mourned with DREAMers during DACA's 10-year anniversary and provided us with the ability to continue advocating for a permanent change for DREAMers and their families.

As we look into the new year, we are ready to respond to the critical, emerging needs of our community. **Will you join us bringing justice into action by continuing to support our mission to champion the dignity and human rights of immigrants?** Here are some of the ways your contributions will change lives:

- [\\$5000 provides a gift of justice](#), funding direct legal representation of an immigrant mother facing deportation and at risk of being separated from her family.
- [\\$2500 provides a gift of freedom](#), providing a survivor fleeing torture the legal representation to pursue their claim for asylum.
- [\\$1000 provides a gift of safety](#); giving a long-time resident the legal assistance needed to become a US citizen.
- [\\$500 provides a gift of hope](#); funding an empowering Know Your Rights presentation in our community.

Hari connected with American Gateways and his political asylum case was ultimately approved. *“I feel very fortunate because American Gateways protected me.”* Jose and his wife eventually received legal permanent residency. *“When you have that card in your hand that says you are in the United States legally, you feel at peace. I feel blessed by the help of American Gateways.”*



[We invite you to join us today to choose action.](#) The need is overwhelming – we have to turn away four out of every five people seeking legal services. Our immediate goal is to increase our capacity by 25% to help more immigrants - like Hari and Jose. We are grateful for your investment in transforming lives.

With Deepest Gratitude,
Rebecca Lightsey and Edna Yang
Co-Executive Directors

Choose Action Today

