Daniela had a long history of extreme physical violence by her boyfriend. Last summer, he was insistent that Daniela and her son move with him to the United States, and after much pressure and manipulation, she and her son uprooted from their home in another country.

When her boyfriend began to physically abuse her young son, she found the courage to call the police, report the abuse, and leave. This left her without money and housing, and with no legal immigration status, she faced many challenges.

Trying to navigate the complex systems in a foreign country was very difficult. Her advocate from the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center provided helpful and empathetic guidance and support, and she and her son were recently able to get into a domestic violence shelter. She is working with an attorney and applied for a U VISA; she is also currently starting her studies to become a cosmetologist. Daniela now has hope and is optimistic for her and her son’s future.

Your donation would mean a great deal in helping them to enjoy the holiday season together.