Tahirih Justice Center is a national non-profit that protects courageous immigrant women and girls who refuse to be victims of violence.

Our award-winning model for protection combines free legal and social services with bridge-building policy advocacy, training, and education. We efficiently and effectively leverage donated professional services from a vast network of attorneys, medical professionals, and experts to serve as many women and girls as possible.

Inspired by principles of the Bahá’í Faith, Tahirih is committed to promoting the equality of women and men and creating a world where women and girls can live in safety and with dignity.
Provided free legal services to 972 immigrant women and girls and 1,038 of their family members—clearing obstacles to safety, dignity, and freedom for 2,010 individuals.

Connected 644 clients and family members with vital social services, including emergency shelter, food and clothing, and healthcare.

Enlisted 1,949 attorneys at 337 law firms and corporations in our Pro Bono Network to leverage donated resources and maximize our capacity.

Completed an in-depth, independent evaluation of our award-winning pro bono model of service to measure impact and identify areas for improvement.

Since 1997, Tahirih has served nearly 19,000 individuals seeking protection from gender-based human rights abuses such as rape, female genital mutilation/cutting, domestic violence, human trafficking, and forced marriage.

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ODDS OF WINNING ASYLUM DEPEND ON LEGAL REPRESENTATION

We maintain a 99% success rate, despite accepting complex, protracted, and rejected cases other attorneys have deemed “unwinnable.”

INDIVIDUALS PROTECTED THROUGH FREE LEGAL SERVICES

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<th>Year</th>
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WE ENABLE COMMUNITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SURVIVORS THROUGH

training and education

Our outreach programs build understanding of the unique obstacles that immigrant women and girls face in the wake of violence and give communities essential tools to help survivors in crisis.

IN 2015, WE:

Conducted 187 trainings and events that reached 8,754 community members and frontline professionals, including attorneys, police, judges, and doctors.

Answered calls from 244 lawyers and service providers from 16 countries and 18 states who needed expert advice on protections available to immigrant survivors of violence.

Connected millions of people to the plight of immigrant women and girls through 80 articles in prominent media outlets, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, and NPR.

Launched 2 new websites, Tahirih.org and PreventForcedMarriage.org. The sites were visited 80,791 times, connecting more people than ever before with our urgent mission.

Surpassed 2.6 million views on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media outlets, sparking vital conversations about issues that impact the safety and dignity of women and girls.

25% Increase in training volume since 2014

724 Visits to our new Pro Bono Attorney E-Library (online resource with practice tips and guidelines)

77% Increase in media coverage since 2014
WE FOSTER LASTING CHANGE THROUGH

policy advocacy

Our non-partisan policy team closes gaps in the U.S. justice system so that immigrant women and girls are less vulnerable to violence and exploitation.

IN 2015, WE:

Safeguarded legislative protections for immigrant survivors of violence in a climate of deepening political divisions.

Shifted asylum policy resulting in nationwide acceptance of survivors of female genital mutilation/cutting as qualifying for asylum.

Developed and proposed practical solutions to the nation’s chronic and growing immigration court backlog.

Forged robust partnerships across sectors to welcome refugee women and children fleeing persecution.

“TAHIRIH IS GENUINELY BREAKING NEW GROUND IN EXPANDING PROTECTIONS FOR IMMIGRANT WOMEN AND GIRLS FROM VIOLENCE IN THE U.S. WE COUNT ON THEM AS A TRUSTED AND RESPECTED LEADER IN THE FIELD.”

LYNN ROSENTHAL
former White House Advisor on Violence Against Women

ENDING THE INHUMANE DETENTION OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

Asylum-seeking mothers from Central America are being imprisoned in the U.S. with their children, sometimes for months on end, in remote facilities with minimal access to health and legal services. For a full timeline of what we did in 2015 to right this wrong, please visit www.tahirih.org/EndFamilyDetention.

211
Legislators marshaled to support the release of mothers and children

14k+
Individuals who received our eye-opening report on detention of mothers and children

134k+
Reach, by views, of our #EndFamilyDetention social media campaign on Facebook and Twitter
Our bold Forced Marriage Initiative, launched in 2011, is a lifeline for individuals facing or fleeing forced marriages across the United States and a vehicle to address systemic issues that leave hundreds of women and girls—and men and boys—vulnerable to this human rights abuse every year.

Launched a one-of-a-kind website, PreventForcedMarriage.org, that serves as a critical resource hub for service providers and individuals in need of help.

Sparked a federal, inter-agency response to forced marriage as a U.S. problem through a series of meetings with the White House and Departments of State, Homeland Security, Justice, and Health and Human Services.

Exposed alarming cases of child marriage and set in motion a broad, bipartisan movement to protect vulnerable children across the U.S., starting by reforming states’ minimum age of marriage laws.

Triaged 171 emergency requests from individuals facing forced marriage issues—from 32 states across the country and nearly every region of the globe.

Equipped more than 800 frontline professionals with critical tools to identify forced marriages and protect victims.

Grew our National Network to Prevent Forced Marriage by nearly 2,000% through outreach and education.
Every action you take matters at this critical juncture in the movement to end child and forced marriage in the United States. Your support in 2015 opened the door for a meeting in March with the White House Council on Women and Girls. Here’s a look back at how we made it happen.

700
People who attended our “Heartbeats Tour” to end forced marriage in New York City, Houston, San Francisco, New Brunswick, Chicago, and DC.

50+
News outlets that featured our groundbreaking work to end forced marriage in the U.S.

125k+
People who signed our Change.org petition to create a national action plan to address forced marriage in the U.S.

We continue to work with you, White House officials, survivors, and other champions to ensure that every person can choose for themselves whether, when, and whom to marry.
Provided free legal and social services to unaccompanied children fleeing one of the world’s most dangerous regions, Central America.

Developed a rapid-response plan to meet the emergency needs of refugee women and children detained in jail-like facilities in Texas.

Supported litigation to end the inhumane detention of mothers and children, providing testimony to uphold Flores v. Johnson, a 1997 court settlement to protect children.

Raised public awareness of the city’s acute immigration court backlog, which is one of the nation’s largest, via multiple interviews with the Houston Chronicle.

To answer more pleas for help from courageous women and girls across the country, we are planning to open two new offices. Please help us grow! Learn more at www.tahirih.org.
Our clients come from every corner of the globe, but now live in the United States. About 70% have experienced violence in the U.S., and every woman and girl we serve is entitled to protection under existing U.S. law.

“I HAVE MY DIGNITY BACK. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE, TO GREATER THINGS AND BIGGER THINGS. I’M NOT THAT PERSON THAT WAS SHRANK TO NOTHING.”

MERCY survivor of domestic violence from West Africa

“I THERE WAS A SWORD OF FEAR HANGING ON MY HEAD ALL THE TIME. WHEN I GOT MY VISA, IT FELT SO PEACEFUL, SAFE, AND FREE. THANKS TO TAHIRIH JUSTICE CENTER FOR GIVING ME HAPPINESS, HOPE, DIGNITY, AND FREEDOM BACK. I AM NOT FEARFUL ANYMORE. I AM FREE NOW AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE GREAT THINGS IN THE FUTURE.”

SARAH survivor of human trafficking from Pakistan

“MY DAUGHTER WAS GRANTED HER ASYLUM AND HER LIFE HAS DRAMATICALLY CHANGED. SHE USED TO BE WORRIED AND SAD ALL THE TIME. NOW, SHE IS A HAPPY GIRL. SHE WAS GIVEN A NEW CHANCE IN LIFE.”

ELENA mother of 16-year-old client from El Salvador

“HAVING YOU GUIDE ME HAS MEANT THE WORLD TO ME. IT’S GIVEN ME THE CONFIDENCE I’VE ALWAYS DESIRED. I KNOW THAT I’M NOT COMPLETELY ALONE. SOMEONE OUT THERE ACTUALLY UNDERSTANDS ME. TAHIRIH’S FORCED MARRIAGE INITIATIVE IS SAVING LIVES.”

NOREEN survivor of forced marriage

Top Five Client Countries of Origin in 2015
1. El Salvador
2. Honduras
3. Mexico
4. Guatemala
5. Cameroon
IN BALTIMORE, WE’RE

**empowering survivors of torture**

**THE ISSUE:** From 2010 to 2014, as many as 3,700 survivors of torture called Maryland their new home. *Source: Maryland Office of Refugees and Asylees*

**OUR SOLUTION:** Fill acute gaps in services for survivors of torture trying to rebuild their lives in Maryland. In 2015, we:

- Secured a government grant to meet the unique needs of survivors in partnership with Asylee Women Enterprise and Intercultural Counseling Connection.
- Developed a collaborative plan to provide housing, health care, legal services, and other resources to survivors.
- Committed to training hundreds of frontline professionals with tools and resources to identify and support survivors.

IN GREATER DC, WE’RE

**increasing survivors’ healthcare access**

**THE ISSUE:** Language barriers, lack of access to publicly-funded programs, and negative healthcare experiences prevent many survivors of violence from getting the healthcare they need. *Source: Tahirih Medical Advocacy Project Client Survey*

**OUR SOLUTION:** Increase our clients’ access to quality, survivor-informed medical services through training and outreach. In 2015, we:

- Identified common barriers that our clients face in obtaining medical care.
- Enrolled 90% of eligible clients in Affordable Care Act insurance programs.
- Expanded our network of pro bono medical professionals.

IN HOUSTON, WE’RE

**protecting children at our border**

**THE ISSUE:** Nearly 124,000 unaccompanied children from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico were apprehended at the Southwest Border from FY 2014 to FY 2016. *Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection*

**OUR SOLUTION:** Marshal as many resources as possible at the epicenter of the crisis in Texas to protect children with nowhere else to turn. In 2015, we:

- Provided free legal and social services to 115 children.
- Strengthened the network of support for refugee children through technical assistance, trainings, and coalition building.
- Partnered with Las Americas Middle School to support newly-arrived refugee children.
2014 Audited Financials

In 2014, Tahirih had a cash operating budget of $4.1M. However, thanks to the generosity of our Pro Bono Network, the value of donated professional services reached a historic $13.2M. This enabled us to serve more women and children around the country and multiply every $1 donated into $4 of impact.

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Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Criminal Justice Services, STOP Violence Against Women Program
County of Fairfax, Virginia, Consolidated Funding Pool
Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Refugee Resettlement, National Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (via U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants)
Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Legal Assistance for Victims Program
State of Maryland, Governor’s Office on Crime Control and Prevention, STOP Violence Against Women Program
State of Maryland, Governor’s Office on Crime Control and Prevention, Victims of Crime Assistance Program
State of Texas, Department of Criminal Justice Services, STOP Violence Against Women Program
State of Texas, Office of the Attorney General, Other Victims Assistance Program

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Laura and John Arnold

$100,000 +
Paul Glist and Karla Jamir

$50,000 +
Molly Gochman

$30,000 +
Carelle L. Karimimanesh
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Mojgan and David Shin
Payam and Gouya Zamani

$20,000+
Anonymous
Mary Patricia Davis and Wesley Callender
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Abdolhossein and Guitty Ejtemai
Suzy and Jeff Elghanayan
George Lord

$10,000 +
Anonymous
Helen Jafari and Nash Alaei
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