ALEJANDRA PABLOS, IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ACTIVIST

Alejandra is a nationally recognized activist who has worked for the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health and is a member of Mijente. As a young person, Alejandra was convicted of several charges, lost her legal status, and spent two years at the Eloy Detention Center in Arizona. This past January, Department of Homeland Security agents singled out and arrested Alejandra while she was leading a peaceful protest outside of DHS. Alejandra was released on an immigration bond, but she still faces deportation and has a final political asylum hearing on December 11th.

KHALIL A. CUMBERBATCH, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF POLICY, FORTUNE SOCIETY

Khalil is Associate Vice President of Policy at the Fortune Society, a reentry organization whose goal is to build people and not prisons. He previously served as Manager of Training at JustLeadershipUSA, a national non-profit dedicated to cutting the US correctional population in half by year 2030. He is also a lecturer at Columbia University School of Social Work. Khalil spent six and a half years in the prison system and five months in immigration detention. In December 2014, he received an executive pardon from Governor Andrew Cuomo to prevent his deportation from the United States.

JEANETTE VIZGUERRA, FOUNDER OF MUJERR, LEADER OF NATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKERS’ ALLIANCE

Jeanette is an undocumented mother and grandmother living in Denver, whose fight against deportation won her recognition as one of the Time 100 Most Influential People of 2017. Jeanette has lived in Denver for two decades and raised her four children there. Jeanette was placed in deportation proceedings in 2008 when she was turned over to ICE by local police after a traffic stop for driving without a license. Since then, Jeanette has been dedicated to fighting for herself and other people facing deportation. She is the founder of a local immigrant women’s empowerment organization, Mujerr, and a national leader with the National Domestic Workers Alliance and the American Friends Service Committee.

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DAISY AVILES

Daisy is a senior in high school in Austin, Texas. In July, her father was prosecuted by the Department of Justice for unlawful reentry into the U.S. and has been incarcerated ever since. Daisy’s family has lived in the U.S. for more than 20 years. Her father owned an auto body shop, which was the family’s only source of income, and the family lost the business since his incarceration. Daisy’s family, particularly her younger siblings, is experiencing severe economic and emotional hardship due to her father’s detention.

ROLAND SYLVAIN

Roland is a manager at a medical emergency supply company in Brooklyn who enjoys spending his time with his four U.S. citizen children and large extended family. He moved to the U.S. when he was 7 years old. In 2011, Roland was placed into deportation proceedings based on a traffic incident that happened nearly a decade before. In a panic, Roland had signed his cousin’s name on a speeding ticket. In 2014, the government exercised its discretion to administratively close Roland’s case. However, in the summer of 2018, the government reopened Roland’s case. Roland now once again faces imminent deportation.

ERICK

Erick has lived in Washington, D.C. who has lived here since he was seven years old. For the past few years, Erick has worked in some of D.C.’s most popular luxury restaurants. Erick grew up in a D.C. neighborhood that experiences heavy policing of Black and Brown youth. As a young Latinx man, he was arrested and accused of gang affiliation during a street stop, police accusations that were later dismissed. Unfortunately, because of this encounter with local police, he lost his DACA status and is currently at threat of deportation.

ADRIANA CAZORLA

Adriana is a domestic worker and a leader with the National Domestic Workers Alliance living in Washington State. For 12 years, Adriana endured domestic violence at the hands of her former husband, afraid to call the police for help because of her immigration status. When she finally sought a restraining order, her husband reported her to ICE. She was detained for 4 months and almost lost custody of her children because she was unable to attend custody hearings. Thanks to the Violence Against Women Act, Adriana is now a permanent resident. Today, she volunteers with women in similar situations to make sure they know about their rights so no one else has to go through what she endured.