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Dear Friend,

My name is Brayán, and I have been working with the MICA Project on my immigration case for about two years. I live in southern Illinois, and I love playing soccer. My parents brought me to the United States when I was 9 years old. My brother was 7 and my sister was 5.

In 2012, my parents went to an informational session that was organized by people from our church, and they heard from the lawyers at the MICA Project. When I met them, I was a senior in high school. My dream was to go on to college and play soccer, but at the time that wasn't a possibility for me. I was recruited by a school that wanted me on their team, but because of my immigration status, I couldn't enroll. Jessica and Nicole helped me apply for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a program that allows me to be safe from deportation and legally work. It also allows me to attend college, where I now play on the soccer team.



Since then, my siblings have also worked with the MICA Project to get their DACA approvals. My mom was able to get a work permit and a social security number with the MICA Project's help, and my dad is working with them to try to be able to stay with us, as a family, in this country. My family's issues with immigration are not simple or easily fixed. The laws are unjust and unless they change, the future is unclear for all of us in my family.

This year, I get to renew my DACA, once again with the MICA Project's help. I'm working part-time at Rose Acre Farms, which is an egg production company, and play forward on my soccer team. I'm currently getting my general studies done, and in the future I'm hoping to get a bachelors degree in management so that I can work and manage small companies such as the one where I'm currently working.

At one point it seemed certain that our family would be separated, living thousands of miles away from each other. I'm so grateful that my family found the MICA Project. They have been with us every step of the way. I hope you'll support them so they can continue their important work. **Please consider a gift of \$100 to help the MICA Project continue to help families like mine.**

Sincerely,

Brayán Mejía

Our mission: The Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project (MICA Project) is a community organization committed to working with low-income immigrants to overcome barriers to justice. The MICA Project utilizes legal services, organizing, advocacy, and education to promote the voice and human dignity of immigrant communities.