

Hi all, my name is Thelma Gomez,

I arrived in Vermont when I was only 16 yrs old. I remember one of my dreams has always been attending a University and graduating, but instead I had to work really hard to support my family.

I am the oldest of 4 siblings, living in Vermont. After 12 years, I see Vermont as my second home, where I would like to continue my dream of studying. My siblings who are younger than me are here in Vermont too and they would like to go to school, education is too expensive for us all, due to the way the system discriminates against our community.

We need Vermont to stand up for us, for our community and make sure that our dreams don't die on the farms.

I hope we can count on your support and we can turn that around! My story is a similar story to many people in my community who have a dream to continue to access higher education, but can't. Today you have the opportunity to change that, let's make it happen for our future and for Vermont's future.