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To Whom It May Concern:

Hi, my name is Lidia Guadalupe Martinez-Solano and I was born in El Salvador. I came to the United States when I was about 5 years old. I came with my mother and one of my brothers. My father still lives in El Salvador and has never been in contact with me. I have not had any way of contacting him.

I lived with my mother until I was 13. My mother had a live-in boyfriend who began sexually abusing me at age 7. I finally decided to tell my mother when I was almost 13. When I told her she chose to abandon me to live with him.

After that incident I came to live in Oklahoma with my brother and his wife. This situation did not work out because he was physically abusing his wife. I just simply could not deal with it. He even started to take his anger out on me, so I moved out.

I moved in with the Brady's. I met them through a friend of mine, they were her parents. I lived with them for about 2 1/2 yrs then moved out after I graduated from Bartlesville High School.

Despite the past, I finished high school with good grades and would like to continue my education. I want to make something out of myself, something that I could be proud of. I would like to go to college but I am financially unable to at this moment. I read about your organization so I chose to write and ask information about applying for financial aid. If you would please write and send me some information about it I would really appreciate it. Thank You!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lidia G. Martinez". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

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