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BE BRAVE SPEAK UP is FVLC's campaign to raise awareness of domestic violence and empower victims, survivors, family members and friends to use their voices in the fight against domestic violence. **#BeBraveSpeakUp**

Stories from an FVLC superstar

Josy Lopez has been at FVLC for almost seven years. Fluent in Spanish and English, she has worked as both a caseworker and an advocate.

"What I like about FVLC is that we don't just offer a temporary solution to clients' problems--we take them on the road to recovery. I personally enjoy being able to help clients navigate systems. I tell clients to look in the mirror every day and say something good about themselves: You're intelligent, you're smart, and you don't deserve to be treated this way.

"Although there are challenging moments in the job, I can easily recall one time I felt like I made a difference in a client's life: I had a client who was sexually assaulted by a relative. She was an immigrant from a very small and tight community which turned against her after she revealed the abuse. She was under a lot of emotional stress, and even suicidal; her husband was supportive but felt powerless to help her. FVLC helped advocate for charges to be brought against the abuser, and I was able to connect both the woman and her husband to a partner organization that provides therapy services to survivors. They received the support they needed on their journey towards recovery."

--**Josy Lopez** (Crisis Intervention Specialist/Family Violence Intervention Unit)

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Big thanks to the:



FVLC has received a service grant from the [Taproot Foundation](#) to develop a brand-new website! Taproot connects professionals offering pro bono services with nonprofits who need their help. **Stay tuned for FVLC's fabulous new website, coming later this year!**

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