



New American Stories

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Carmen moved to the United States in 2016 with her husband and three children. She was the last member of her extended family to leave El Salvador. Her mother moved to the States 24 years ago, followed by her brothers. Of course, Carmen wanted to come sooner, but it took 24 years for her to get a visa."

Like most immigrants, Carmen is starting over. Although she was a salon manager and instructor with 10 years of experience, she could not get a job in her field until she earned a U.S. cosmetology license, and she couldn't do that until she learned English.

Thanks to supporters like you, Carmen learned English at The Immigrant Learning Center, and in April earned her license. Her next goal is to become licensed as an instructor.

Thank you for your ongoing support that makes stories like Carmen's possible.



Diane Portnoy

Founder and CEO

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.

Thank You!

Countless supporters help The ILC give immigrants a voice. Here is a heartfelt thank you for some recent acts of kindness:

Kevin Duffy, Strategy and Business Development Officer for the City of Malden, for speaking to the students in our English for Entrepreneurs class.

Vincent Fichera and **Meredith Berg** for their help filming and editing footage for our [Immigrant Entrepreneur Interview Series](#). These short videos offer a glimpse into the lives of the immigrant entrepreneurs who contribute so much to this country. You can see the latest [here](#).

Sixth Annual Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards



The Immigrant Learning Center hosted the sixth annual Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards Dinner on May 4, 2017, to honor 35 inspiring immigrant entrepreneurs in Massachusetts. Learn more about this year's nominees and see photos from the Awards Dinner [here](#).

About Us

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) of Malden, MA, is a not-for-profit organization that gives immigrants a voice in three ways. The English Language Program provides free, year-round English classes to immigrant and refugee adults in Greater Boston to help them become successful workers, parents and community members. The Public Education Institute informs Americans about the economic and social contributions of immigrants in our society, and the Institute for Immigration Research, a joint venture with George Mason University, conducts research on the economic contributions of immigrants. For more information, visit the website at www.ilctr.org or Facebook page [ImmigrantLearningCenter](#).