“I am a woman who is no longer afraid to confront the challenges in my life, in my family, and even in my community. I have discovered myself and know that I have value.”

Celestina, WJI Community Advocate
**Mission**

WJI improves the lives of indigenous Guatemalan women and girls through education, access to legal services, and gender-based violence prevention.

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**Community-based Approach**

WJI believes that community-based responses are critical to successfully combatting gender-based violence and inequality in rural Guatemala. Without support from their communities, women and girls face significant obstacles in exercising their rights to live free from violence.

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**COMMUNITY ADVOCATES PROGRAM**

The Community Advocates Program is a leadership development initiative in which graduates of WJI’s Women’s Rights Education Program participate in a two-year training program that combines comprehensive human rights education with leadership development. Community Advocates ensure the sustainability of WJI’s work and become leaders, women’s rights educators, and mentors to their peers.

Community Advocates multiply WJI’s impact by promoting gender equality in their communities and providing accompaniment to women seeking legal services.