

DUCY CORNEJO

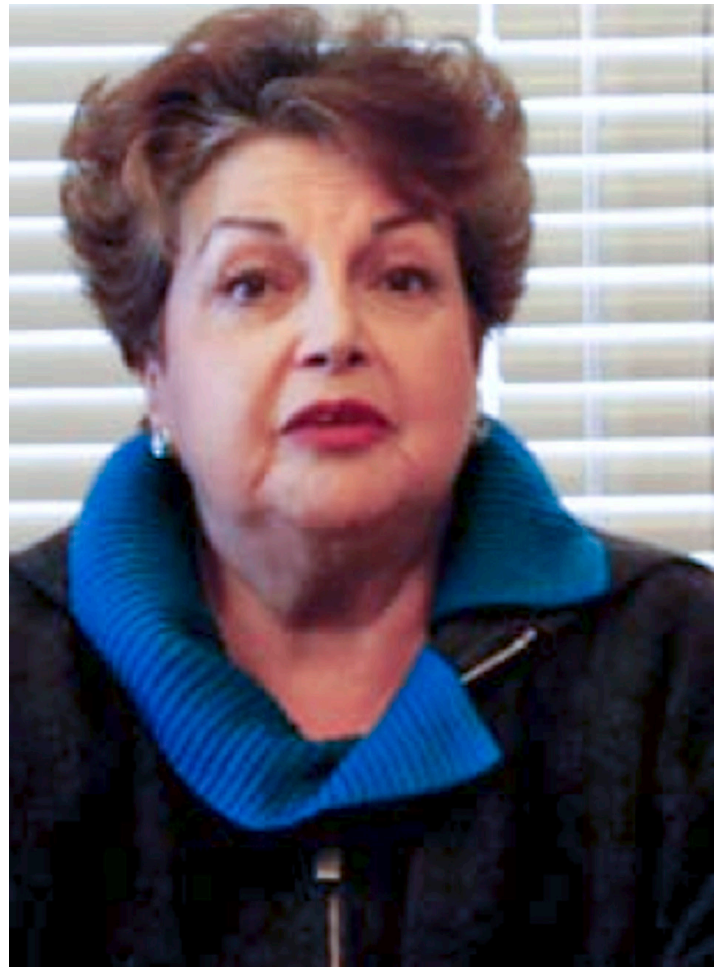
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When Duky Cornejo first arrived in the United States from Bolivia, she had high hopes of building a better life for herself. She got married, started a family, and skillfully began to balance her duties as a mother with her burgeoning career. Duky successfully landed jobs in various industries – from construction and remodeling to TV broadcasting and entertainment. Meanwhile, her success in business was helping her family to thrive. Through hard work and diligence, she had earned enough money to send her children to Roger Williams University.

But everything changed when circumstances beyond Duky's control threatened the future of her family and her career. In 2007, her house was set on fire by an arsonist, and her insurance company refused to cover the cost of rebuilding. In the wake of a divorce that left her to fend for herself, Duky struggled to recoup her losses, find a new home, and provide for those who depended on her for support. With a languishing economy and an anemic job market, the timing could not have been any worse.

The prospects for turning her life back around seemed bleak. With a deteriorating credit score, Duky was turned away from the big banks whose financial services she sought. "When you have good credit," she says,

Determined to get her life back on track, Duky reached out to the Capital Good Fund (CGF), which provided her with a \$3,000 Small Business Loan to start a green cleaning business. Like many of CGF's borrowers, Duky's goal was more than about just earning a steady



income. She hoped to promote more environmentally friendly cleaning practices by using safer and less toxic chemicals. Duky also wanted to give back to her community by employing low-income Rhode Islanders to help her to meet the demand of a growing client base.

Now, back on the path to financial stability, Duky credits her partnership with CGF as having changed her life. "CGF believed in me at a time when nobody else did," Duky says. "They gave me the drive to move forward and believe in myself."