Limia Obadi – Duluth, GA

Limia Obadi is the Domestic Violence Program Director at Tapestri, Inc. She first began working with Tapestri as a volunteer in March 2009, but has been in her current position since February 2010. She is also the only staff in the organization that is a DOJ Accredited Representative, she helps survivors with Immigration petitions. As the Program Director, she manages program coordinators and conducts multicultural training programs for court personnel, law enforcement and immigrant communities. She works to establish collaborative relationships with keys members of the immigrant communities in order to facilitate victim access to available resources. She speaks Amharic and Arabic. Ms. Obadi has a Bachelor’s of Art in Sociology and a Masters in Public Administration with concentration on non-profit management from Kennesaw State University. She has two kids and enjoys spending time with her family.

“I am grateful for this award. I am driven every day to help families get to a better place because everyone deserves to live a safe and healthy life. Our home should be our safe haven.”

From her Nomination: “She does not let being the mother of young children stop her from having a profound impact on the lives of immigrant survivors of domestic violence. Her passion for safe, healthy families is evident in everything that she does, at home or the office. She is responsible for the design and delivery of services that Tapestri provides to foreign-born domestic violence survivors, most of whom are women. All working mothers face challenges: she overcomes particular challenges as a victim advocate. While Tapestri aims to maintain a healthy workplace, this is emotionally heavy work. There are moments to be serious in victim advocacy work, but it is also important to celebrate your colleagues and find joy, and she certainly does.”