



Selena (Age 12)

I wish to have my Mom and Dad's citizenship papers straightened out so they can live here legally.

Selena, with the support of her family and the love that they share they can overcome any obstacle in her way. To express this we used borromean rings to represent the unity of mother, father and daughter. The rings are interlocking, alluding to the strength and support that a family represents. This symbol is an international symbol for family and is demonstrated in negative space within a sturdy walnut base to emphasize the strong foundation a family represents. Suspended above the base are three disks. The disks are made of baltic birch and clear acrylic. They are each shaped as a person hugging. The contrast of the birch and the walnut represent the contrast in cultures amongst different countries. When the disks are moved to float over their coinciding rings carved out of the walnut they individually represent an embrace between mother father and daughter. When stacked above each other they represent the solidity of the family unit. Each ring has depicted on its acrylic surfaces images that represent Selena's family's native country, Mexico, America, and an image of global unity that unite the piece and the wish together. This piece represents the many layers that dynamically exist within a family and can be moved to show some of these dynamics. In plan view strength and unity are expressed in elevation individuality and support are expressed.

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