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21 years

That's how much of my life I lost to prison when I was wrongfully convicted of a crime I didn't commit.

It's been 3½ years since the Illinois Innocence Project helped win my release from prison. Starting my life over hasn't been easy. But I try to stay positive and help make things better for myself and others.

Giving back is something I can do now.

Last year I welcomed an IIP exoneree into my home after he was released and had nowhere to go. The nightmare of wrongful conviction binds us and together we're building new lives.

Now I want to help the Illinois Innocence Project win freedom for the next innocent person.

So I'm asking you to support the Project's [Give the Gift of Freedom](#) holiday campaign. Our goal is to raise \$15,000.

As you know from [my story](#), freedom isn't always free, even for innocent people. Think about your own freedom and what it's worth to you.

[Then, please make a gift today.](#) Ask your friends and family to do the same.

Together, we can [Give the Gift of Freedom](#) to another innocent person.

Thank you!

Angel Gonzalez