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Winston helped a client receive a grant of asylum after he fled from extreme torture at the hands of the Ugandan government and the National Resistance Movement political party. The Chicago team fast-tracked his application and helped secure his asylum within just five months—allowing him to achieve his dream of living in a democracy with fair elections.

Our client's persecution began shortly after he joined the National Unity Platform (NUP) political party in October 2020 and quickly escalated from being tear gassed while campaigning to being abducted, severely tortured, and repeatedly beaten by the ruling party's secret police until he passed out. He regained consciousness in a sugar cane field miles from his home.

After recovering from his physical injuries, he began campaigning again for the NUP, but soon stopped after being followed and threatened by the opposition party's secret police. Fearing for his life, our client fled Uganda in October 2022 and made his way to South Bend, Indiana, where he was welcomed by a sponsor family. He plans to bring his wife and son to the United States and hopes to pursue a career in computer science.



Winston team members celebrate with our client after he received his grant of asylum. Left to right: Sydney Latimore, Christina Zaldivar, Sarah Harmon, Winston's client, and Malcolm Chaka.

The Winston team that helped our client receive asylum in the United States includes **Malcolm Chaka**, **Christopher Essig**, **Sarah Harmon**, and **Christina Zaldivar**.

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