

ANNUAL REPORT

2009

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST OHIO, LLC

Difficult Times Demand Extra Effort

Dear Friends,

2009 was a year when Legal Aid's client population needed us most. It was not a time to pull back, but a time to focus our energies on the community's most pressing problems and allocate our financial and professional resources accordingly.

Instead of taking a business as usual approach, or even reducing our services as our grant from the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation declined by \$1M, Legal Aid sought additional resources to sustain critical client services and provided leadership on issues of broad community impact. To achieve this, Legal Aid shifted staff assignments and sought grants targeted towards several essential areas of legal work.

While many factors contributed to the unprecedented number of home foreclosures in southwest Ohio, the impact is singularly easy to discern. Thousands of low-and-middle income families are losing their homes, and neighborhoods are shattered when these homes are clustered in once stable areas.

Legal Aid worked with homeowner counseling agencies and the local media to reach out to families threatened with foreclosure. By providing legal advice and support for the counselors, as well as by working one-on-one with clients, Legal Aid was able to save homes for hundreds of families. Legal Aid also represented neighborhood organizations in litigation to hold banks accountable for maintaining numerous foreclosed properties.

Legal Aid was able to make foreclosure prevention a priority due to significant support from the United Way of Greater Cincinnati, Greater Cincinnati Foundation (and other *Weathering the Economic Storm* partners), SC Ministry Foundation, NeighborWorks, Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation, and the Cities of Cincinnati, Hamilton and Middletown.

In 2009, Legal Aid also sustained a wide-range of client services. These include assistance with removing barriers to obtaining and retaining employment, accessing healthcare coverage and other benefits especially for children and people with disabilities, and ensuring education opportunities and safety for children.

With support from CHIPRA (Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act), Legal Aid expanded activities to enroll children in Medicaid, thereby ensuring that all children have access to healthcare during their formative years. In addition, Legal Aid strengthened its commitment to family safety through renewed support from the Violence Against Women Office/Department of Justice and by adding a new program component, a trauma recovery program for young children who have witnessed domestic violence, funded by the Avon Foundation.

In 2009, the new Child HeLP program, a partnership with Cincinnati Children's Hospital, saw its first full year of operation. Through Child HeLP, Legal Aid operates a full-service, five day a week office at Children's Hospital. Child HeLP has received funding from the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, The Manuel D. & Rhoda Mayerson Foundation, the William P. Anderson Foundation, United Way of Greater Cincinnati and individual donors.

In addition to the grantors listed above, in 2009 Legal Aid relied on significant support from individuals who contributed to our Annual Fund; law firms, companies and foundations who contributed to our Second Century Fund; as well as general funding from the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation and Legal Services Corporation.

On behalf of the 29,412 people who sought legal assistance from Legal Aid in 2009, please accept our thanks and appreciation.



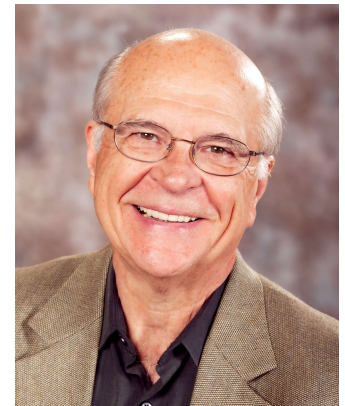
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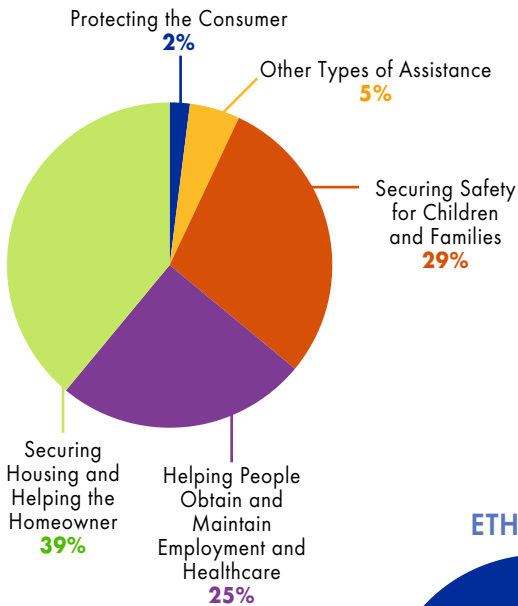
The Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati and its affiliate the Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio, LLC provide civil legal services in seven southwest Ohio counties: Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, Brown, Warren, Clinton and Highland. The Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor Foundation is a separate 501(c)(3) organization. The Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati provides staff support for its Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP). This Annual Report provides information about both Legal Aid Societies and the VLP.

Legal Aid Clients 2009

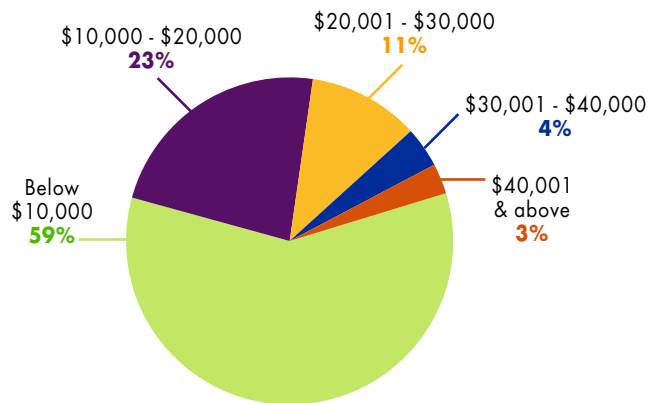
Legal Aid staff and pro bono attorneys working through the Volunteer Lawyers Project opened 7,833 new cases, a record number for a one year period.

The pie charts below provide basic demographic information about these 7,833 new clients, and in broad categories, the type of legal assistance they received.

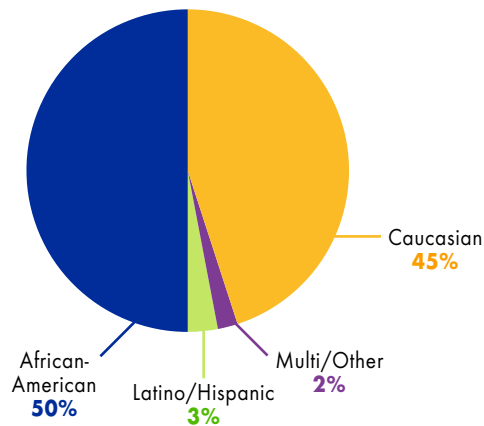
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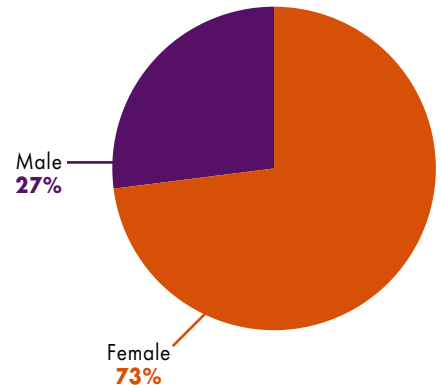
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Legal Aid's mission is to resolve serious legal problems of low-income people, promote economic and family stability, and reduce poverty through effective legal assistance.

Helping Working Families Access Tax Credits



Volunteer tax preparator Tiffany Kidd calculates potential EITC refund for Clermont County resident.

The earned income tax credit (EITC) is a federal tax credit program for working people who have modest incomes. In 2009, a family with one child qualified if income was less than \$33,995, and a family with two children qualified if income was less than \$38,646. In order to claim an EITC a working family has to file a tax return.

In 2009, Legal Aid managed, on behalf of the United Way and other regional sponsors, twenty-six tax preparation sites in Hamilton, Butler and Clermont counties. Specially trained and certified tax

preparation volunteers helped 6,214 families file returns at no charge. These returns yielded \$8,919,186 in refunds. Without Legal Aid's role in administering the EITC program a large percentage of these funds would remain unclaimed.

The EITC program is a win-win for working families, businesses and communities, who all benefit from the infusion of cash into the local economy.

Helping Homeowners Avoid Foreclosure

The media is filled with stories about the housing crisis and the role it has played in the economic downturn. At first the media focused almost exclusively on subprime lending, but at Legal Aid we had a broader vision. Many segments of the low and middle income populations are threatened by foreclosure, even seniors who have been in their homes for several decades and should be enjoying stable homeownership in their later years.

At eighty-one years of age, Ellen Price had lived in her Highland County home for fifty years. Her house was paid off, so she was in an enviable position. Unfortunately, she was talked into taking out a new mortgage, so she could help her adult son start a new business. At first, Ms. Price was able to meet the payments, but the mortgage had an adjustable rate.

It was clear from the start that Ms. Price, who had a fixed retirement income, could not afford the higher rate. When the rate increased and the son's promised assistance with the higher payments did not materialize, Ms. Price faced foreclosure. A Legal Aid attorney took on Ms. Price's case and by fighting the case in court, was able to secure a loan modification substantially reducing her monthly mortgage payments to an amount she is able to afford.

Ellen Price is one of the 214 people whose homes were saved from foreclosure in 2009 as a result of representation by a Legal Aid attorney. A total of 983 families saved their homes due to the joint efforts of Legal Aid and housing counseling agencies.

Child HeLP: Lawyers and Doctors Partner to Improve Child Health

In mid-2008 Legal Aid and Children's Hospital initiated a specialized training program for medical personnel working in the Hospital's Pediatric Primary Care Clinic. As a result of this new training, doctors are now screening patients and patient families for social factors and problems that can be improved through legal assistance. Doctors and social workers use this social history/screening information to determine if a referral to a Legal Aid attorney or paralegal is appropriate.

This is what *The New York Times* had to say in a feature story about Legal Aid's Child HeLP program:

Doctors and social workers have long said that medical care alone is not enough to address the health woes of the poor, which are often related to diet, living conditions and stress. The pediatric clinic in Cincinnati...now seeks to address at least some of these broader issues by bringing lawyers and doctors – so often foes in the courtroom – together into a close partnership.

In 2009, Children's Hospital medical personnel referred 610 families to Child HeLP. Legal Aid attorneys and paralegals helped patient families with a wide range of legal problems. *The New York Times* summarized patient family needs as follows:

Some needed help getting food stamps, heating aid or cash welfare that had been wrongfully denied; some received help with evictions or home repairs; others got legally mandated help for children with learning disabilities.

The following is a typical example of how one family benefited from the Child HeLP partnership.



*This picture, which appeared in *The New York Times*, captured a mother and her 4 year-old son meeting their Legal Aid attorney in the Child HeLP office in Children's Hospital.*

*Legal Aid helped this single mom keep her cash assistance (through a program known as OWF – Ohio Works First) while she looked for suitable day care for her son who has persistent asthma, so she could take classes towards her GED. Photo: Kirk Irwin for *The New York Times**

A young mother, Sarah Jamison, pregnant with her second child, came into Children's Hospital with her son Eddie. Eddie was well-cared for and in good health, but his mother reported that she was a victim of repeated domestic violence. She feared for her own life and for Eddie's safety. Because Eddie's father and grandmother had filed for custody, the doctor immediately referred Sarah to Child HeLP. Instead of having to find a way to contact Legal Aid without the father and grandmother's knowledge, Sarah, while at the Hospital, was able to just walk down the hall and consult with a Legal Aid attorney.

A Legal Aid Family Law attorney represented Sarah in Hamilton County Domestic Relations Court and obtained a civil protection order requiring the father to have no contact with her for five years. The attorney also represented Sarah in Juvenile Court to prevent the abusive father from getting custody of Eddie. Sarah Jamison is now able to provide a stable, safe environment for Eddie and her second child.

Reaching Out Into Seven Counties

From our founding in 1908, until the mid-1970s, Legal Aid focused on the legal needs of low-income people in Cincinnati and the surrounding neighborhoods and towns that make up Hamilton County. By 2004, Legal Aid was providing legal assistance in seven southwest Ohio counties. One of Legal Aid's challenges is reaching people in Highland, Clinton, Warren and Brown counties who would benefit from legal services but may not know about Legal Aid. In 2009, Legal Aid made a concentrated effort to reach out into these communities. Our end of the year statistics show that the outreach effort is starting to work. In 2009, Legal Aid and VLP attorneys handled 205 more cases outside of Hamilton County than they had in 2008.

MEDICAID ENROLLMENT

CHIPRA is Legal Aid's expanded Medicaid outreach and enrollment assistance program that derives its name from the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act. Our local goal is to enroll 1,800 children in Medicaid and ensure that 425 children already enrolled retain their Medicaid insurance. In an all-out effort to reach children who would be new to the Medicaid system, CHIPRA outreach efforts focus on homeless children, children living in rural areas, teenagers, Hispanic families, and children living in mixed immigration households. Legal Aid is partnering with several other groups such as HealthSource Ohio, Health Care Access Now, Healthy Moms and Babes, Santa Maria Community Services, Cincinnati Health Department School Nurses, and others to reach these vulnerable populations.

WORK INCENTIVES PLANNING

Through the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program (WIPA) funded by the Social Security Administration, Legal Aid staff meets one-on-one with clients to analyze their existing benefits and advise them on how they can remain in the workforce or start a new job without jeopardizing medical coverage. WIPA helps people with disabilities increase income through employment. Legal Aid paralegals travel throughout southwest Ohio to make presentations about WIPA and to meet with referred clients. Clients are referred by many agencies including Life Point Solutions in Clermont County, Warren County One-Stop, National Alliance in Mental Health (NAMI) Support Group of Clermont County, and Mental Health & Recovery Center of Clinton County.

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This poster was placed in dozens of locations throughout southwest Ohio to let people know that free legal assistance is just a phone call away.

Volunteer Lawyers Project

After twenty-eight years of engaging private attorneys in helping low-income people obtain access to the legal system, the Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) is stronger than ever. On a daily basis, cases that come to Legal Aid are placed with the 650 private attorneys who have signed on to provide pro bono legal assistance.

In 2009, VLP attorneys opened a record number of new cases: 1,786. This translates into 9,376 hours of pro bono representation and illustrates the power and productivity of volunteerism at its best. VLP attorneys work one-on-one with clients and also provide their services through Legal Clinics that make efficient use of volunteer time.

DIVORCE CLINIC

In 2009, the VLP held 34 Divorce Clinics in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties. Specially trained Legal Aid paralegals worked in tandem with 31 VLP attorneys to help 313 clients, who had no disputed property or child custody issues, file for divorce. Due to arrangements that the VLP has negotiated with the Domestic Relations Courts, approximately a dozen client cases are heard as part of a special docket on the same morning. Some of the clients helped by the Divorce Clinic in 2009 had been waiting ten years for a divorce. The Divorce Clinic program started in 1999 in Butler County.

WILLS AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES PLANNING CLINIC

In 2009, the VLP launched Wills and Advance Directive Planning Clinics to assist low-income clients with the preparation of Wills, Living Wills, Health Care Powers of Attorney and other important life-planning documents. This Clinic concept came about due to the large number of adult children who come to Legal Aid with complicated estate problems. It is particularly heartbreaking when a low-income adult who has cared for an ill parent in their parent's home discovers that the family home is not automatically their own when the parent dies.

The VLP is partnering with students from Northern Kentucky University's Chase College of Law, attorneys from GE Aviation and other VLP attorneys specializing in estate planning to make this new Clinic program successful. In 2009, two Wills and Advance Directives Planning Clinics were held, serving 17 clients with the assistance of 11 VLP attorneys.

ALAN ABES, PRO BONO COORDINATOR FOR DINSMORE & SHOHL, IS VLP ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

The Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor Foundation selected Alan H. Abes, Dinsmore & Shohl's pro bono coordinator, for its 2009 Volunteer Lawyer of the Year Award. Alan has been Dinsmore & Shohl's VLP Coordinator since July 2002. In that capacity, he champions the VLP, and serves as the intermediary between the fifty Dinsmore & Shohl attorneys who take VLP cases and the staff of the VLP program. For the past several years Dinsmore & Shohl has accepted nearly all the expungement cases referred by the VLP.

Each expungement can mean an employed individual and thus essential income for a struggling family. In the last two years, Dinsmore & Shohl VLP attorneys handled 179 expungements, in addition to other types of cases such as evictions, tax and custody matters.

According to Alan, *"We have an 'all hands on deck' approach among our Associates to be ready to handle expungements as they come in. Many of the matters come from job training programs and need to be fast tracked because the applicants have to clear that last hurdle before being hired for a new job."*

Alan's own practice involves commercial and general litigation at the state and federal court level through appeal. He actively litigates and manages these cases on a nationwide basis. He has a particular emphasis on first-party and third-party insurance coverage matters, maintains a concentration in municipal law, and also practices in the area of construction law. Allan is a graduate of Northwestern University College of Law and has a B.A. from The Ohio State University.

Legal Aid is grateful for Alan's dedication to the VLP and for creating a large and effective team of Dinsmore & Shohl attorneys providing the highest quality legal representation to deserving VLP clients.

Part of the team of Dinsmore & Shohl VLP attorneys - Steve Oldham, Kim Beck, Alan Abes, Doug Feichtner, and Trevor Gillette.



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Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,205,563	\$ 1,467,603
Cash held in trust for clients	92,534	125,460
Investments	2,919,367	2,831,993
Grants and contracts receivable	697,341	707,685
Contributions receivable, net	794,764	873,634
Other accounts receivable	17,164	8,623
Property and equipment, net	3,808,241	3,631,796
Other	274,745	105,297
Total Assets	\$ 9,809,719	\$ 9,752,091
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 108,092	\$ 111,158
Accrued annual leave	325,222	303,928
Equipment Lease	41,517	52,117
Assets held for others	92,534	125,460
Long-term debt	2,000,000	1,425,352
Other accrued liabilities	89,855	136,107
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,657,220	\$ 2,154,122
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		
Operating	\$ 5,437,689	\$ 5,407,496
Board designated	125,000	125,000
Temporarily restricted	944,235	1,420,377
Permanently restricted	645,096	645,096
Total Net Assets	\$ 7,152,020	\$ 7,597,969
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 9,809,240	\$ 9,752,091

2009 OPERATING REVENUE

Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation	\$2,337,761
Legal Services Corporation*	1,535,839
Government Grants and Contracts	2,376,789
United Way	661,800
Contributions	165,661
Foundations Grants	567,910
Rental Income	236,925
Other	193,737
Total Revenue	\$8,076,422
Operating Reserve Allocation	476,142
Total Operating Revenue	\$8,552,564

2009 EXPENSES

Client Services	
Housing and Consumer Program	\$ 1,746,526
Employment and Benefit Program	1,720,465
Family and Domestic Violence Program	1,529,283
Children and Education Program	1,378,068
General Civil and VLP	667,555
Subtotal Client Services	\$ 7,041,897
Management and General	1,040,661
Fundraising	144,713
Rental Property	295,099
Total Expenses	\$ 8,522,370

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An Email From A Grateful Mother About Her Legal Aid Attorney

I was recently represented by Jessica Powell on an expulsion for my child, an 8th grader at Northwest Middle School. I am writing to inform you of my extreme gratitude for the all the hard and diligent work that Ms. Powell rendered to myself and more importantly my child. I came to Ms. Powell with no knowledge of how these services worked, but in a lot of need. My child was suspended for 10 days with recommended expulsion.

I had no idea where to turn and was given Ms. Powell's contact information via my son's therapist at Intervention Unit (20/20). I was desperate for assistance with this matter as my child's education is the most important thing to me.

I contacted Ms. Powell and received a phone call the very next day. I had been in tears the whole day before with no where to turn and no place to go – until I spoke with Ms. Powell. The sense of urgency in her voice immediately gave me a calm/relief that I had not felt since this ordeal began. Ms. Powell completely took over and initiated all proceedings.

Jessica was more than professional in this matter but she was also sympathetic, patient and understanding.

Ms. Powell called my child, therapist, school and me several times to ensure that the best defense was given to my child's case so that he could attend school and obtain a proper and needed education. The result? My child was given 10 days out of school and will be allowed to make up all missing assignments!!! As if that wasn't enough, she followed up with a referral to a camp that my child can become involved with this summer. I know that I speak for many mothers and fathers, but more importantly for our children whose futures are undoubtedly affected by women and men such as you.

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