

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI

100th

ANNIVERSARY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY IS A NONPROFIT LAW FIRM DEDICATED TO REDUCING POVERTY AND ENSURING FAMILY STABILITY THROUGH LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

Changing Lives Through Legal Aid The Legal Aid Society's 100th Anniversary Year

Dear Friends,

In 1908, Cincinnati became the seventh American city to establish an organization that according to its Articles of Incorporation would utilize attorneys to “*protect the rights of the needy...and promote measures for their assistance.*”

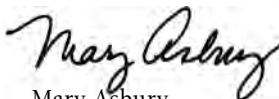
The Legal Aid Society of Cincinnati, founded upon lofty principles and what one hundred years ago would have been called “charitable” intentions, began modestly with one part-time attorney and a stenographer. The 1913 Annual Report proudly lists its individual donor contributions, most of which are \$5 or \$10, at \$1,205.

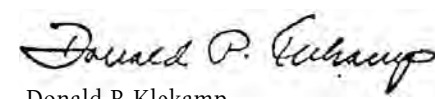
One hundred years later, the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati is recognized as one of the most effective legal service organizations in the country. It has forty-nine attorneys and a similar number of additional staff working as paralegals, legal secretaries or in administrative positions. In 2008, through the Volunteer Lawyers Project four hundred and fifty private attorneys volunteered to handle cases on a pro bono basis. Legal Aid's annual operating budget of over \$8 million now comes from multiple private and public sources.

Our 100th Anniversary Report to the Community includes information related to client services and community impact programs, as well as highlights of our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Throughout, we acknowledge the many volunteers, donors and friends whose participation made 2008 a truly exceptional year in the history of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati. Because of our professional staff, dedicated volunteers, numerous community partners and generous donors, Legal Aid has the capacity to begin its second century of *changing lives through Legal Aid.*

Thank you one and all.


Mary Asbury
Executive Director


Donald P. Klekamp
President

Programs Sustained By Second Century Fund

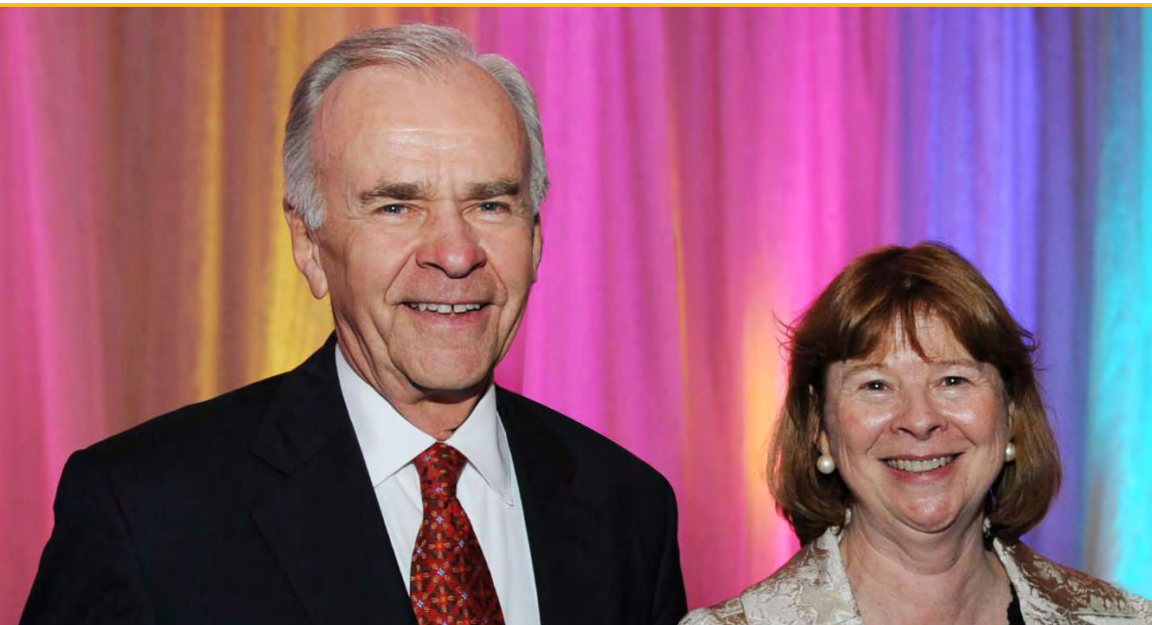
TeamChild advocates on behalf of children to keep them in school and out of Juvenile Court. Legal Aid works with each child, to ensure that he or she receives the special education and mental health services needed to succeed in school. Over 300 children have recently been helped by TeamChild.

Stabilizing Neighborhoods through Secure Housing works to reverse the decline of neighborhoods. Stable homeownership, a reduction in vacant buildings, and safe communities are key to this effort. Legal Aid carries out Stabilizing Neighborhoods in partnership with other agencies and developers. During 2008, over 756 families avoided foreclosure due to the activities of this program and program partners.

Child HeLP is a new medical-legal partnership promoting children's health and well-being by resolving legal problems. Based on a successful national model, this innovative program provides onsite access to Legal Aid attorneys for Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center patients and their parents. During its first six months in operation Children's Hospital staff made 293 patient referrals to Legal Aid through Child HeLP.

LawLink is an effective approach to serving survivors of domestic violence. National research indicates that access to comprehensive legal services is the most effective method of preventing future domestic violence. By resolving custody, visitation and other problems, women and their children find the means to establish violence free and economically stable lives. In 2008, Legal Aid provided assistance to 761 clients through Law Link and related legal services.

Clearing Legal Hurdles to Employment eliminates barriers standing in the way of employment. Legal Aid and Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor attorneys assist adults with a variety of problems that interfere with obtaining and retaining employment, such as consumer or debt problems, housing issues, or the expungement of criminal records. In 2008, 1,009 adults benefited from this program.



100th Anniversary Celebration and the Second Century Fund

To celebrate its 100th Anniversary, Legal Aid has established a Second Century Fund to honor 100 years of providing legal assistance to low-income people in this community, to provide financial support for our ongoing operation, to increase our endowment and to sustain five core Legal Aid programs.

These programs, *TeamChild*, *Stabilizing Neighborhoods through Secure Housing*, *Child HeLP*, *LawLink*, and *Clearing Legal Hurdles to Employment* represent a cross section of Legal Aid's client services and community involvement.

The Second Century Fund was guided by a Campaign Committee that includes Legal Aid Board Members and other supporters. The Second Century Fund Campaign set out to raise \$2,000,000 from law firms,

corporations, foundations and individuals. By year's end the goal was met. Legal Aid is grateful to all the Campaign Committee Members and donors for marking this historic moment in Legal Aid's history through their generous support.

Legal Aid also took the opportunity of our 100th Anniversary to research and document the history of our early years. Legal Aid commissioned historian Charles F. Casey-Leininger to undertake the research. The result is an impressive ninety-six page publication entitled, "To Secure Justice and Protect the Rights of the Needy, A History of the Legal Aid Society of Cincinnati 1908-1988." It is certain to become a valuable source for everyone interested in the development of public interest law and the evolution of legal



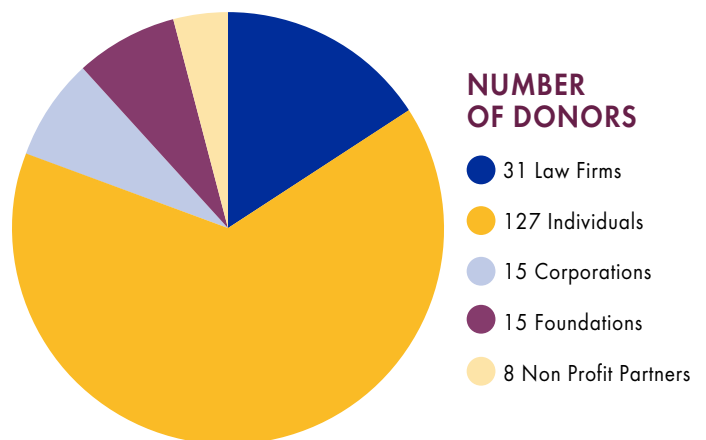
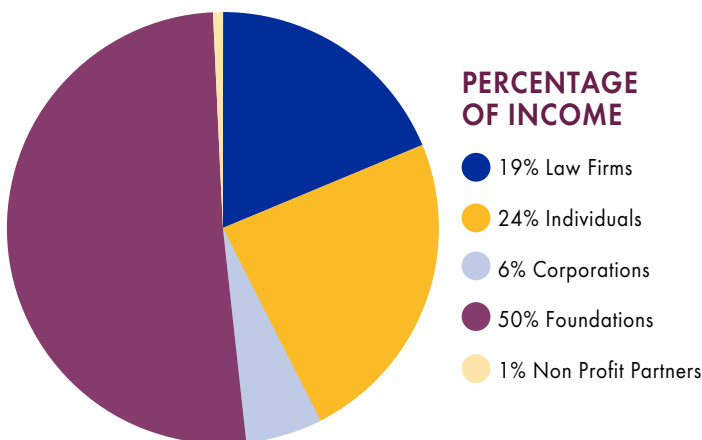
Guests, in filled to capacity Hyatt Regency Ballroom, listen to keynote address by H. Thomas Wells, Jr.

aid organizations in the United States.

On June 27, 2008, six hundred friends gathered in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom to honor Legal Aid's 100 years of service to the community. Political officials, leaders of other non-profits, numerous attorneys, and Legal Aid staff, past and present, raised their

champagne glasses to toast this momentous occasion and to recognize the principles that guided our founding members and still ring true today: a responsibility to reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves and the belief that legal assistance can solve the problems and remove the obstacles that block a better life.

Second Century Fund Income Reaches \$2,007,777



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A Look at Second Century Fund Donors



HARRY & ANN SANTEN

Harry and Ann Santen commemorated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a gift of \$50,000 to the Second Century Fund. The couple designated their contribution to *TeamChild*, a program that compliments their interest in philanthropy related to disadvantaged youth. The Santens were impressed with how *TeamChild* helps children caught up in the juvenile justice system get their lives back on track and focuses on their education. Harry originally joined the Legal Aid Board in the 1970s and continues to focus on the challenges that lie ahead, commenting that he and Ann made this gift because of their belief in *“the goals of Legal Aid, the talent of its Director to plan for the future, and because of the dedication of Elaine Fink, TeamChild Director.”*

DINSMORE AND SHOHL

Legal Aid and Dinsmore & Shohl share a common history having both been founded in 1908. Mark VanderLaan, a past Legal Aid Board President and partner in the firm proudly remarked that *“Dinsmore & Shohl joined Legal Aid in celebrating our own 100th anniversary. Collectively, Legal Aid, our firm and Greater Cincinnati have made significant strides over the past century, however, as the number of those in need continues to grow, so does the opportunity to offer assistance.”* Dinsmore & Shohl are Diamond Level \$50,000 donors to the Second Century Fund.

KEATING MUETHING KLEKAMP

KMK was the first firm to announce its Diamond Level \$50,000 support of Legal Aid’s Second Century Fund. Donald P. Klekamp, current Board President of the Legal Aid Society, and his wife Marianne helped make it possible for Legal Aid, in 1999, to purchase its downtown Cincinnati headquarters. Don believes that *“the values of Legal Aid are consistent with my own. Sometimes people just need a helping hand – one that is dependent on access to legal assistance – in order to get their lives in order. Legal Aid extends that hand with professionalism, as well as kindness of spirit.”*

L to R: Rosellen and Richard Creighton, Robbin and Louis Gilligan, Marianne and Donald Klekamp, Jane and Pat Fischer, Jason and Laura Stitt



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MACY'S

The synergy between Macy's need for a stable workforce and Legal Aid's *Clearing Legal Hurdles to Employment* program helped convince Macy's to become a Diamond Level sponsor of the 100th Anniversary Celebration. *Clearing Legal Hurdles to Employment* assists people who want and need to be gainfully employed overcome obstacles hampering their ability to get or retain jobs. Macy's was impressed with how targeted legal assistance provided by Legal Aid attorneys can help individuals become productive members of the Greater Cincinnati workforce.



Standing L to R: Maureen Maxfield, Dan Andriacco, H. A. Musser, Jeff Cramerding. Seated L to R: Sr. Mary Jo Gasdorf, SC, Sr. Kathryn Ann Connelly, SC, Sr. Sally Duffy, SC, Dan Ledford, Austin Musser

HEALTH FOUNDATION OF GREATER CINCINNATI

When Legal Aid decided to launch a new medical-legal partnership program, it went to the Health Foundation for start-up funding. The Health Foundation was immediately impressed with the potential of this unique collaboration with Children's Hospital. *ChildHeLP* promotes children's health and well-being by resolving legal problems. Once the Health Foundation grant to the Second Century Fund was secure, the project got underway. Now hundreds of children and their families are being referred by their doctors to Legal Aid's on-site office in the Hospital's Pediatric Primary Care Clinic.

SC MINISTRY FOUNDATION & THE GREATER CINCINNATI FOUNDATION

Both of these Foundations have their pulse on the urgent needs of our community. Therefore, they each responded extremely generously, long before it became headline news, to Legal Aid's request for Second Century Fund multi-year grants related to foreclosure prevention. Sister Sally Duffy of the SC Ministry Foundation and Kathy Merchant and Ellen Gilligan at GCF have all taken a special interest in how Legal Aid is working to improve urban neighborhoods and help individual homeowners. Their grants for *Stabilizing Neighborhoods through Secure Housing* have allowed Legal Aid to become a leader in this complex arena.

Legal Aid Celebrates 100th Anniversary



Members of the Pete Wagner Orchestra rock the room!

Mary Asbury takes the podium to talk about Legal Aid's 100th Anniversary and introduce the video - *Changing Lives Through Legal Aid*



Hon. Fanon A. Rucker provides the invocation.



Hyatt Regency Ballroom just moments before guests arrive.

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Andrea Zigman and Eileen Cooper Reed



Daniel Buckley, Ann Marie Tracey, Nathaniel and Paula Lampley, Jr.



David Pepper raises his glass to make a toast in honor of Legal Aid's 100th Anniversary.



Harry Santen and Donald Klekamp enjoy the evening!



Standing L to R: John Christenson, Friend, Connie Asbury, E. Anthony Woods, Dot Christenson, Lee Carter, Dan Meyer. Seated L to R: Kathryn Woods, Taylor Asbury, Shannon Carter

Community Comes Together to Celebrate Legal Aid

Standing L to R: Mike Roberts, Bruce and Mimi Petrie, Jr., Brian Thomas.
Seated L to R: Lyn Marsteller, John Pinney, Michele Wessel, Lee Geiger



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Philip and Lynn Schworer on the dance floor!

Highlights from the History of the Legal Aid Society

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- 1908** Legal Aid Society of Cincinnati incorporated.
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- 1912** George H. Silverman appointed Chief Counsel, a position he holds until 1955.
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- 1913** Legal Aid helps flood victims through Citizens Flood Relief Committee, then joins with other agencies to establish the Council of Social Agencies, today's United Way.
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- 1915** Silverman works with Judge Alfred K. Nippert and Prosecutor John Campbell on anti loan-sharking legislation.
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- 1927** Sarah E. Grogan appointed Legal Aid's Assistant Attorney and first female attorney.
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- 1928** Walter A. Knight re-energizes the Legal Aid Society and signs on William Cooper Procter and William H. Taft; City of Cincinnati and Legal Aid establish a public defender (Legal Aid provides criminal defense services until 1979); Legal Aid establishes a Law Clinic, with students from UC and the YMCA (later Chase) law schools.
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- 1933** Legal Aid swamped with requests from needy clients due to the Depression.
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- 1937** Legal Aid helps victims of devastating Ohio River flood.
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- 1938** Murray Seasongood, Legal Aid's President, addresses American Bar Association, urging legal advocacy to address underlying causes of poverty.
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- 1942** Legal Aid handles 200 cases for World War II servicemen.
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- 1955** Robert E. L. Young appointed Chief Counsel.
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- 1961** Legal Aid moves to 2400 Reading Road – Community Chest building – and serves record number of clients: 12,336.
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- 1964** Economic Opportunity Act makes federal dollars available for legal assistance to the poor; client service doubles.
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- 1965** Legal Aid sets up neighborhood offices and Clermont County branch office.
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- 1972** Workhouse litigation begins, challenging conditions in the Civil War-era Cincinnati Correctional Institute.
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- 1974** *Youngblood v. Dalzell* filed in U.S. District Court, opening employment opportunities for African Americans with the Cincinnati Firefighter Division.
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- 1975** Legal Aid unified under new Director, Richard M. Landis.
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- 1978** Legal Aid consolidates its Cincinnati offices in new headquarters at 901 Elm Street.
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- 1979** Legal Aid surveys community legal needs and develops strategic plan for client services under leadership of Jerry Lawson.
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- 1982** Legal Aid and the Cincinnati Bar Association establish the Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor Foundation.
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- 1984** Senators Stanley J. Aronoff and Lee Fisher lead legislative effort to fund Ohio legal aid programs.
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- 1988** Mary Asbury appointed Executive Director; Legal Aid receives 25,613 requests for legal assistance; employment, health care and education advocacy added to strategic plan.
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- 1999** Legal Aid Society of Cincinnati and Butler-Warren Legal Assistance merge; Legal Aid conducts successful capital campaign, and expands client services in new headquarters, the Donald P. Klekamp Community Law Center Building.
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- 2000** Legal Aid inaugurates the Harris K. Weston Institute for Law and Public Policy with conference: *Beyond Welfare: Raising Children out of Poverty*.
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- 2002** Department of Justice funds Legal Aid and partners YWCA and Women Helping Women to help victims of domestic violence.
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- 2007** Legal Aid creates affiliate, the Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio, LLC; service area includes Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland and Warren counties. Legal Aid gets 27,898 requests for assistance; opens 6,576 new cases with 4,522 cases pending from prior years – staff of 108 includes fifty lawyers.
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- 2008** Legal Aid celebrates its 100th Anniversary.
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Legal Aid by the Numbers 2008

30,692	People calling or walking into Legal Aid offices seeking free legal assistance
16,873	People contacting Legal Aid provided with written information or an appropriate referral to another agency
8,574	Requests for assistance with housing or homeowner problems (for example, foreclosure and eviction prevention or unhealthful living conditions in rental units)
7,482	Number of hours of pro bono services provided by VLP attorneys
6,928	Number of working families that received \$6.9 Million in tax refunds through Earned Income Tax Credit Program
5,121	New cases opened by Legal Aid attorneys
1,671	New cases opened by VLP attorneys
765	New cases aiding children with school-related or neglect and abuse problems (for example, addressing the special education needs of youth or serving as Guardian ad Litem for neglected children)
761	Cases assisting adults and children seeking escape from domestic violence and abuse
704	Cases helping adults resolve legal problems that are barriers to employment and economic self-sufficiency
104	Family Law clients receiving assistance by law students through the Legal Aid-University of Cincinnati Law Clinic
100	Years Legal Aid has been providing legal assistance to low-income people in Greater Cincinnati
49	Attorneys on the staff of Legal Aid
22	College and law students clerking and interning at Legal Aid
7	Counties Legal Aid serves

75%	Of Legal Aid and VLP clients have household incomes less than \$10,000 per year
69%	Of Legal Aid and VLP clients are female
49%	Of Legal Aid and VLP clients are Caucasian
47%	Of Legal Aid and VLP clients are between the ages of 32 and 61
46%	Of Legal Aid and VLP clients are African-American

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The Personal Side of Legal Assistance

LEGAL AID HELPS A BOY IN FOSTER CARE STAY ON TRACK IN SCHOOL

Jimmy, a six-year-old foster child in custody of Butler County Children's Services, had been placed in a partial hospitalization program. A case worker who felt that this placement might not have been necessary contacted Legal Aid. Legal Aid discovered that Jimmy did not have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan), and that he was in daycare instead of school. In this environment and at a crucial age in his development, Jimmy was not making academic gains and his social behaviors were worsening.

Legal Aid arranged for an IEP meeting. The school district agreed Jimmy would return to Colerain Elementary for the morning and continue in the afternoon in the partial hospitalization program. At the end of the school year an IEP was written for the following year. Jimmy would receive tutoring throughout the summer in order to prepare him for the next school year.

This past fall, Jimmy began attending school the full day at Colerain Elementary. *Without Legal Aid's assistance, Jimmy would not have received schooling at a crucial age. If he had fallen seriously behind, his chance of ever catching up and succeeding at his grade level is statistically unlikely.*

LEGAL AID HELPS A WOMAN AND HER CHILDREN ESCAPE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SECURE EMPLOYMENT

In 2001, Musa Shagari arrived in Cincinnati from Nigeria with her young son. Several years later, Ms. Shagari fell in love with and married an American, Jim Gardner. She expected that Gardner would join her in creating a stable home for their family. However, after one year Gardner became abusive to Musa. He controlled her and refused to support her petition for residency. After Gardner failed to appear at two immigration interviews and her residency petition was denied, Musa found her way to Legal Aid. Legal Aid intervened to prevent deportation proceedings, and helped Musa file a special resident VISA application based on legal protections in the Violence Against Women Act.

After several months of document gathering, preparation and an immigration interview, Musa's VISA petition, and subsequently her permanent residency (green card), were approved. *Because of Legal Aid, Musa found the courage to leave her abusive husband, obtained work so she could support her family, and now attends nursing school to advance her career and future income potential. Her children are thriving in school and the family lives violence-free.*

LEGAL AID HELPS A PRICE HILL HOMEOWNER AVOID FORECLOSURE

Wilma Andrews has lived in Price Hill for many years. She, and her former husband, had purchased their home with the benefit of an FHA-insured loan. The home was well-maintained and represented the kind of stable homeownership that is the bedrock of healthy communities. Ms. Wilson no longer works but has a small, fixed monthly income. Fortunately, her adult daughter lives with her, has a job, and contributes to household expenses. Due to an interruption in her daughter's contribution, Ms. Wilson missed a few payments to her loan servicer, Countrywide, and foreclosure was filed.

Legal Aid agreed to help Ms. Wilson. She and her daughter had demonstrated that they had the income necessary to keep up with payments. After over a year of negotiations, Legal Aid convinced Countrywide to drop the foreclosure. *Ms. Wilson and her daughter avoided foreclosure; they remain in their home, retain the equity they built up as a result of many years of mortgage payments, and Price Hill has one less foreclosed on, blighted property.*

LEGAL ADVOCACY ADDRESSES HEALTH CODE VIOLATIONS TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR MOTHER AND YOUNG SON

During her son's examination at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Pediatric Primary Care Clinic Ms. Tucker told her doctor about a gaping hole in her bathroom ceiling. This extensive ceiling damage prevented her from bathing her son and caring for her own hygiene. Although she had contacted the building manager, and when that got no action, the Cincinnati Board of Health, the ceiling problem remained to the point where rainwater was entering the apartment. Ms. Tucker's anxiety with the situation was obvious. Because of *Child HeLP*, the partnership between Legal Aid and Children's Hospital that has trained doctors to uncover patient problems that could benefit from legal assistance, the Doctor made an immediate referral to Legal Aid.

Legal Aid's housing staff recognized immediately that Ms. Tucker's landlord was well-known for his poorly maintained properties. Aggressive action would be required if the repairs were to get done. Legal Aid's intervention resulted in the landlord repairing the bathroom ceiling. *Ms. Tucker and her son now have greatly improved living conditions.*

Volunteer Lawyers Project

JANET E. PECQUET – 2008 VLP ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

Janet E. Pecquet, a partner at Beckman Weil Shepardson LLC, is the 2008 Volunteer Lawyer of the Year, selected in recognition of her many years of service on behalf of low-income clients and the role she has played in promoting pro bono activities. Janet now serves as her firm's pro bono coordinator. In this capacity she reviews all VLP requests for pro bono attorneys submitted to Beckman Weil Shepardson and identifies the appropriate firm attorney to handle each case. In addition, Janet herself takes difficult VLP cases and regularly serves as a resource for Legal Aid attorneys who are handling cases in her area of legal expertise.

Janet practices in the area of Elder Law, primarily planning for health coverage and long-term care for individuals who need care in a nursing facility or are seeking home and community-based care. Janet also specializes in helping parents with disabled children and individuals with disabilities on estate planning and special needs trusts. She has represented hundreds of clients before the Medicaid Agency and litigates long-term care insurance denials.

Before joining Beckman Weil Shepardson LLC in 1998, Janet was an attorney at Pro Seniors Inc. and a managing attorney with Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE), the Toledo-based legal aid program.

The Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor Foundation is grateful for Janet's involvement and commitment, and is pleased to have had the opportunity to present her with this much deserved award.



FIVE YEAR GROWTH IN CASE ACCEPTANCE AT 39%

2008 was a banner year for the Volunteers Lawyers Project (VLP) with a record number of new cases opened on behalf of clients.

During the past five years, the VLP has shown steady growth in the number of new cases it accepts. Since 2004, when VLP attorneys accepted 1,199 new cases, to 2008 when the new case load reached 1,671, there has been a 39% growth.

The Divorce Clinics that the VLP sponsors in Butler, Hamilton and Warren counties have also increased client services. The VLP and the Domestic Relations Courts have worked out a streamlined process to make best use of volunteer lawyers' time. Approximately a dozen cases are heard as part of a special docket on a single morning. Since 2005, Clinic capacity has increased by 160%.

VLP SUPPORT STATEWIDE "SAVE THE DREAM" FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROJECT

On March 13, 2008, Governor Strickland announced the statewide "Save the Dream" campaign, the purpose of which is to connect homeowners at risk for foreclosure with private bar attorneys through the state's network of legal aid offices. Legal Aid and the VLP immediately stepped up to coordinate "Save the Dream" for southwest Ohio.

In order to meet the demand for attorneys able to handle foreclosure cases, Legal Aid began recruiting and training additional VLP attorneys. Legal Aid is now hosting a monthly roundtable for VLP attorneys who have agreed to take foreclosure cases.

In 2008, VLP attorneys accepted 170 foreclosure referrals, up from 11 in 2007.

THE VLP AND LEGAL AID

The VLP, founded in 1982, is a partnership with the Legal Aid Society and the Cincinnati, Butler, Clermont, Warren, Clinton and Highland County Bar Associations. Private lawyers, in practice throughout the region, provide pro bono services to low-income clients. The Legal Aid Society provides office space, staff and administrative support so that VLP attorneys can focus on providing direct legal services to clients in need.

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,467,602	\$ 1,453,504
Cash held in trust for clients	125,460	103,768
Investments	2,831,933	3,881,819
Grants and contracts receivable	707,685	295,483
Contributions receivable, net	535,381	719,842
Pledges receivable	338,253	
Other accounts receivable	37,858	10,155
Property and equipment, net	3,631,797	3,845,658
Other	76,061	105,387
Total Assets	\$ 9,752,091	\$ 10,415,616
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 135,906	\$ 125,118
Accrued annual leave	303,930	288,937
Other accrued liabilities	122,012	56,847
Assets held for others	125,460	103,768
Long-term debt	1,425,352	1,521,584
Total Liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 2,096,254
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		
Operating	\$ 0	\$ 6,829,133
Board designated	0	125,000
Temporarily restricted	0	730,133
Permanently restricted	0	635,096
Total Net Assets	\$ 0	\$ 8,319,362
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 9,752,091	\$ 10,415,616

2008 REVENUE

Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation	\$3,146,920	37%
Legal Services Corporation	1,395,564	16%
Government Grants and Contracts	1,832,255	21%
United Way	649,242	8%
Contributions	926,844	11%
Foundations Grants	920,697	11%
Investments	(827,762)	(10%)
Rental Income	14,000	
Total Revenue	\$8,057,760	
OLAF Reserve Allocation	500,000	6%
Total Operating Revenue	\$8,557,760	100%

2008 EXPENSES

Client Services		
Housing and Consumer Program	\$1,653,647	19%
Employment and Benefit Program	1,751,379	20%
Family and Domestic Violence Program	1,740,428	20%
Children and Education Program	1,500,203	16%
General Civil and VLP	649,824	7%
Subtotal Client Services	\$7,295,481	82%
Management and General	1,249,389	14%
Fundraising	212,844	2%
Rental Property	167,939	2%
Total Expenses	\$8,925,653	100%

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Mary Asbury • Thirty Years at the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati



The 100th Anniversary of Legal Aid coincided with the twentieth year of Mary Asbury's tenure as Executive Director. Mary started her legal aid career as a staff attorney with Greater Boston Legal Services, and joined the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati in 1979. She practiced in the areas of housing, employment and community development law before being appointed Executive Director in 1988.

In addition to serving as Executive Director of Legal Aid, Mary is Vice President of the Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor Foundation. She serves on the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Character and Fitness and the Ohio State Bar Association Board of Governors. Mary was a member of the American Bar Association Task Force on Standards for Providers of Legal Aid, and is active in the national organization for legal aid managers, Management Information Exchange (MIE), serving on its Board of Directors since 1992 including several years as Chair. In 2007, Mary received the Ohio State Bar Association, Nettie Cronise Lutes Award.

“Mary Asbury has steered the Legal Aid Society through a period of significant change in both the political landscape and its funding sources, creating alliances with sister agencies, and laying the groundwork for the future. She has served as a role model and respected leader, and is a resource for much of Cincinnati’s charitable community.”

– Naomi Dallob, President of the Legal Aid Board in 2000-01

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