



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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LETTER FROM OUR CEO & GENERAL COUNSEL

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all of our generous supporters - - individual donors, foundations, corporate sponsors, volunteers, board members, and last, but not least, our outstanding and dedicated staff - - for helping Legal Aid effectively serve more low-income individuals and families in 2018.

Legal Aid's ongoing goal is to keep overhead low while increasing services in Central Indiana. This goal was achieved in 2018. Six full-time staff attorneys advising and/or representing 5,000 clients exceeded more than 12,000 hours. Volunteer attorney hours logged in at approximately 2,000 hours.

Every day we meet with individuals who are in despair, broken, with nowhere else to turn. Our attorneys listen to our clients and provide resolution for a myriad of legal issues. We take a holistic approach - - solutions-based, client-centered, one-stop shop - - with our clients. Our legal team is uniquely qualified to spot a client's ancillary issues. While clients have legal issues to resolve, they may have additional needs that require addressing. We work with these clients to help find solutions to their non-legal problems.

We look forward to continuing and expanding Legal Aid's services, giving voice to the voiceless, solving problems for our clients, and strengthening our communities.

With gratitude,



John Floreancig
General Counsel & CEO



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SERVICES

The Indianapolis Legal Aid Society has been giving Central Indiana residents of modest means a voice in their own legal matters with knowledgeable, highly-qualified attorneys.

Civil legal aid is a combination of services and resources enabling the poor and disadvantaged to effectively navigate the complicated legal system to protect their livelihoods, their health, and their families.

Legal Aid attorneys provide critically needed direct counsel and representation on issues including:

- ADOPTION
- SUPPORT
- PATERNITY
- CUSTODY
- VISITATION
- DIVORCE
- GUARDIANSHIP
- HOUSING

**The Legal Aid Society
provides services to
individuals and families
with incomes of less than 125
percent of the federal
poverty guideline levels.**

Mission Statement

Since 1941, the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society (Legal Aid) has relentlessly provided our most vulnerable Hoosiers with direct and immediate access to comprehensive free legal assistance in civil matters. We restore hope as we work with our clients' side-by-side to resolve their legal issues. In doing so, we help to promote economic self-sufficiency, preserve dignity, and strengthen the community.

The majority of legal issues addressed by the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society involve:
Women | Children | The Elderly | Disabled

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Johnson, Marion, Morgan, and Shelby
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2018 in Review

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Legal Aid Attorneys are in court an average of **3** times per day

The attorneys charged an average of **less than \$160** per case.

More than **\$.87** of every dollar donated is directly used to provide services to our clients.

Legal Aid Events

Legal Aid's Continuing Legal Education: The Sixth Annual Timeless Tips from the Bench and Bar on April 27 was a huge success. The format for this all-day event featured approximately 18 amazing speakers presenting in a fast-paced “TED Talk” format of 20 minutes each. Speakers included the Indiana Attorney General, eight judges, eight attorneys and cartoonist, Gary Varvel.

Annual Ignite the Night: The Celebrity Roast of Mitch Daniels held on September 27 was not only an outstanding event, but it helped us raise \$100,000 to provide legal services to the underserved in the greater Indianapolis area. Featured roasters included Governor Eric Holcomb, Mickey Maurer, Deborah Daniels, Mike McDaniel, Jim Shella, and Norm Tabler.

Number of Clients Served

Family Law: 5,311

Orville H. Copesey Housing Initiative: 635

Children's Guardianship Initiative: 332

Expungement & Re-Entry: 168

Miscellaneous Cases (employment, wills, public benefits, etc.): 1,588

Total: 8,034



CLIENT SUCCESS STORIES

Donor Dollars at Work!

Sheila, a grandmother, came to the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society seeking guardianship of her daughter's two children by two separate, absentee fathers. Sadly, the children's mother had been diagnosed with terminal cancer with only weeks to live. The mother's dying wish was for the children to stay together in the care of their grandmother. Accomplishing the goal required a Legal Aid attorney to intervene in two separate guardianship cases. Legal Aid's attorney obtained guardianship for Sheila allowing the children to remain in their school, receive medical attention, and preserve the stability of the children's lives.

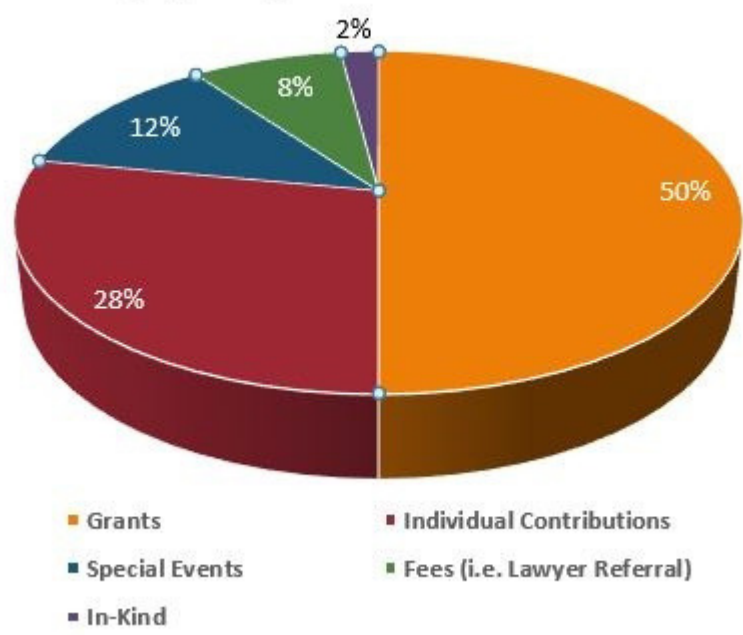


"Tom" came to our office seeking an expungement of his one conviction, a B felony, for burglary from the 80's when he was in his late teens. Tom began hanging around with some older guys, and they broke into someone's home. He stole golf clubs, but the others who were with him took some money and jewelry. Tom spent three years in prison. He has never been arrested again. Upon his release, Tom managed to get a job in a warehouse where he worked for 16 years. The company was acquired and conducted background checks on all employees. Tom lost his job because the acquiring company prohibited employing anyone convicted of a felony. After losing his job, Tom was unable to find any work due to his background. While our attorney was researching his criminal case, Tom interviewed for a job at a warehouse where the manager was a friend of his former supervisor. Based on Tom's years of experience and his former supervisor's glowing recommendation, Tom was hired. With the help of his Legal Aid attorney, the court granted Tom's expungement, and his supervisor promoted him to a management position.

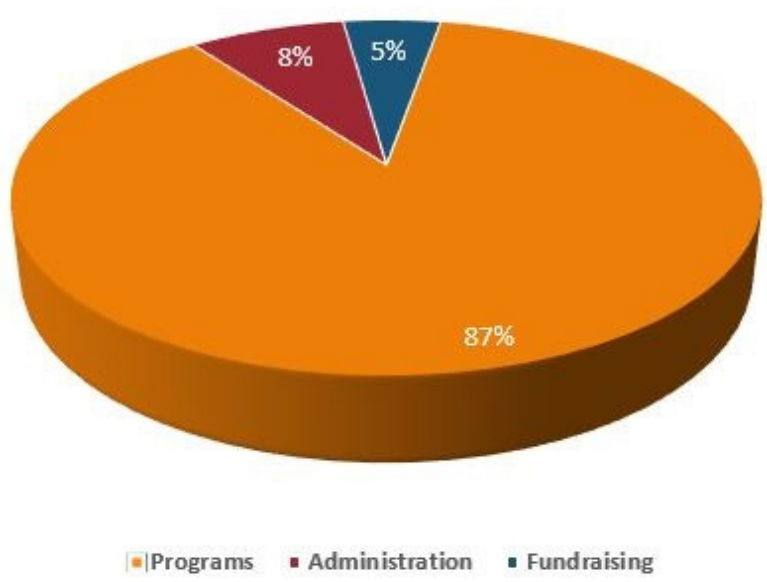


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INCOME: \$1,198,773



EXPENSES: \$1,04,4149



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Our Partnerships and Collaborations

Adult Protective Services	Flanner House	John Boner Center	Salvation Army
American Red Cross	Forest Manor Center	Julian Center	Second Helpings
ARC of Indiana	Glick Center	Kids Voice	Sheltering Wings
Bosma Industries	Goodwill Industries	La Plaza	Shephard Center
CAFÉ	Habitat for Humanity	Lutheran Child and Family Services	Social Health Association
Catholic Charities	Hawthorne Center	Marion County Health Department	Southeast Community Services
Child Advocates	Heartland Pro Bono Council	Marion Superior Court Probate Division	St. Mary's Child Center
Children's Bureau	Hendricks Senior Services	Mary Rigg Center	St. Vincent Hospice
Christamore House	Horizon House	Meals on Wheels	The Damien Center
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Early Learning Indiana	Indiana State Bar Association	NeighborLink Indianapolis	WellSpring
Easter Seals Crossroads	Indiana Supreme Court	NOBLE	
Families First	Indianapolis Bar Association	PACE	

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help Legal Aid change – and save – the lives of disadvantaged individuals and families in Indianapolis and surrounding counties.

Your Philanthropic Investment Will Help:

- Families stay together
- Children live in a safe and stable environment
- Seniors and the mentally and physically disabled adults remain in their homes
- Ex-offenders live productive and valuable lives
- Strengthen communities throughout Central Indiana

Legal Aid has several ways to make a donation:

- One-time
- Monthly
- Tribute Gifts
- Major Gift Donation – Legal Aid’s Leadership Circle
- Planned Giving – Legal Aid’s Legacy Fund

Learn more by visiting www.indylas.org/

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