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Happy Memorial Day weekend from all of us at Indy Legal Aid. As we remember and honor the brave men and women who fought for our country, we want to express our deepest admiration and appreciation to all the frontline healthcare workers for their dedication, sacrifice, and commitment to their patients and to saving countless lives during this very difficult and precarious time.



Stay tuned until next month for some exciting news about Indy Legal Aid's 5th Annual Ignite the Night Roast!



Indy Legal Aid Receives Funding for Providing Key Services During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Indy Legal Aid is a recipient of a substantial grant from the Central Indiana COVID-19 Community Economic Relief Fund (C-CERF). As the announcement stated, "The C-CERF Taskforce, and all the many donors of the fund, are happy to provide this grant as you directly impact our

Central Indiana neighbors with much needed support during this challenging time in our community."

As a result of Covid-19, two critical needs are emerging in Central Indiana: the need for legal assistance with evictions and the need for legal assistance with unemployment claims. While these issues will be pressing for everyone, they will be especially urgent for low-income Hoosiers. Already living in underserved neighborhoods, this population is especially at risk for homelessness and food shortages should they be evicted or lose their unemployment.

"In five weeks while working remotely, we have received more than 3700 calls of which we have been able to help over 550 individuals and families," said John Floreancig Indy Legal Aid General Counsel. "We expect the calls to increase dramatically in the next few months. We are already being inundated with calls related to housing, employment, debt, and family law issues."

Thanks to Lilly Endowment Inc., Central Indiana Community Foundation (through the Glick Fund and The Indianapolis Foundation), Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation, United Way of Central Indiana, and individual donors, C-CERF has now delivered more than \$15.8 million to 100 of our Central Indiana non-profit partners whose work is focused on the specific issues and populations emerging as critical in our community, particular to the COVID-19 crisis.

**Indy Legal Aid General Counsel
Interviewed by
BuzzFeed News Regarding
Housing Issues**



John Floreancig, Indy Legal Aid General Counsel, was interviewed by BuzzFeed News on May 14 regarding landlord-tenant issues during the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly if Indy Legal Aid has received calls about sexual harrasment and predatory behavior on the part of landlords. To read the article, click [here](#).

Thank You to Our Interns!

We were so fortunate to have found three amazing volunteer interns who assisted the staff with various projects, such as legal research for our attorneys, community outreach, organizing focus groups, grant research, and database entry, to name a few. *Rami Daas* is a senior at Hamilton Southeastern; *Chloe Alder* is a third-year honors student at IUPUI; and *Nicole Thompson* is pursuing a Masters in Social Work and just completed her first year at the University of Indianapolis. We want to thank them for their hard work and enthusiasm. We will miss them and wish them all the very best. These three rising stars are going places!



Volunteer Opportunities

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Indy Legal Aid has a number of volunteer opportunities for attorneys, students, and the general public. For attorneys, we have pro bono cases, internships for students, and our spring and fall events, along with light office work.

For more information, click [here](#).

No time to volunteer? Donate now!



We have several ways for you to make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable Hoosiers in Central Indiana. Approximately \$.90 of every dollar donated to Indianapolis Legal Aid Society is directly used to provide programs and services. For more information, click [here](#).

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9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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"The Indianapolis Legal Aid Society is dedicated to ensuring that qualified low-income persons living in the Central Indiana community have access to quality legal assistance for civil disputes."



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