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“Wherever there is
a human being,
there is an opportunity
for kindness.”

– Seneca

**Annual Update
of Legal Aid’s
Volunteer Lawyers Program
and**

**Program
for Northeast Ohio’s**

“Celebrate National *Pro Bono* Week”

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mission

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Dear Friends & Supporters,

Thank you for the kindness you demonstrated to our clients, Legal Aid and the entire community. Because of your work and the work of Legal Aid's staff, more than 26,000 people gained access to shelter, safety and economic security during the past year.

Annually, Legal Aid continues to receive invaluable support from volunteer attorneys who use their time, talent and energy to improve the quality of life for those most vulnerable in Northeast Ohio.

Your *pro bono* efforts have helped bring \$36 million of economic benefit into Northeast Ohio through assets recovered and debt reduced for Legal Aid's clients. This impact of kindness ripples through our community and improves the quality of life for all of us.

We are grateful for the volunteer support. Volunteers are integral to Legal Aid's mission to secure justice and resolve fundamental problems for those who are low income. This year, 9000 people will be turned away from Legal Aid – because of lack of resources. The need continues to grow. We hope your capacity for kindness will inspire others to lend a hand.

Thank you for your continued partnership,

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as of 9/01/2012

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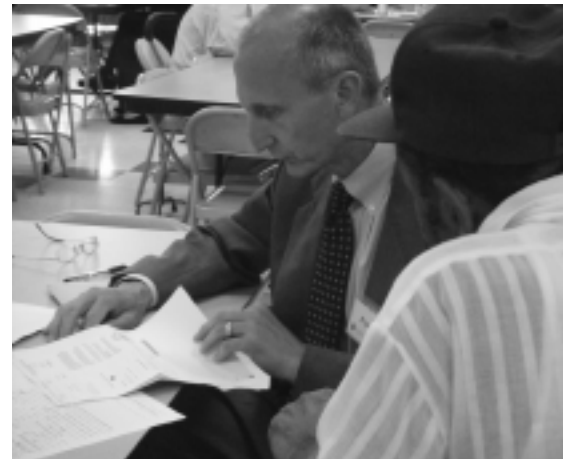
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Complete or update your Volunteer Profile

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Participate in a short Volunteer Survey

(www.lasclev.org/survey)

Learn about ways you can help

(www.lasclev.org/projects) *Opportunities to volunteer with Legal Aid range from a two-hour commitment to extended representation.*

- **Brief Advice & Referral Clinics** ... a great introduction to *pro bono* work. Usually held on Saturday mornings or weekday afternoons, clinics are held at neighborhood community centers and clients are first-come, first-served.

Time commitment is two hours. No training necessary. Legal Aid provides mentoring at the clinic and, if requested, can provide an orientation prior to clinic.

- **Pro Se Clinics** ... only a bit more involved than Brief Advice Clinics, these clinics address the needs of *pro se litigants* with divorce, child support, or expungement issues. Volunteer attorneys assist individuals with *pro se* pleadings and provide instructions on proceeding *pro se*.

Usually held on Saturday mornings or weekday afternoons, the time commitment is three hours. Training and mentoring provided.

- **Specialized Clinics, Projects and One-on-One Match** ... for those ready to jump into an extended representation commitment, these clinics separately provide assistance to low-income individuals on specific issues.

The time commitment varies. Some experience needed; training and mentoring provided.

Examples of projects include:

- Bankruptcy By-Pass Clinic
- Bankruptcy Practice Clinic
- Domestic Violence Prevention Project (including Civil Protection Orders)
- Elder Law Project
- Foreclosure Prevention Program ("Save the Dream")
- Immigration Clinic
- Private Landlord-Tenant Project
- Tax Clinic
- Tort and Contract Litigation
- One-on-One Match (for all areas of civil practice)

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