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Thank you for supporting The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland in 2014!

We are proud of our work in the community to alleviate poverty. Last year, Legal Aid helped more than 20,000 people. This is work we could not do without your partnership.

A special quote we focused on in 2014 was from Thomas Jefferson:

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This report details our work in 2014 through the names of our supporters, facts and figures – along with some quotes from donors who are “doing justice” with us. Please browse and enjoy: you are part of our team, and we hope you recognize yourself in our successes of the past year!

Colleen M. Cotter, Esq.
Executive Director
The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

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Legal Aid’s Success in 2014 Included:

- Increased assets and income, and reduced debt by $18 million for clients helped
- Prevented 59% of foreclosures
- Removed barriers to education in 88% of cases
- Prevented 99% of evictions
- Secured safety in 99% of cases

Yearly Comparison of Cases Handled

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Consumer (including foreclosure)</th>
<th>Family</th>
<th>Health-Education-Work</th>
<th>Income-Immigration</th>
<th>Housing</th>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>19%</td>
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The mission of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is to secure justice and resolve fundamental problems for those who are low income and vulnerable by providing high quality legal services and working for systemic solutions.

Legal Aid uses the power of the law to ensure access to basic needs and lift people out of poverty. Thanks to thousands of supporters and community partners, Legal Aid provides services that focus on improving clients’ health, safety, shelter, education, and economic security.

Client Demographics 2014

Focus on Special Populations:

- 48% of all households helped included children
- 14% of all clients were older adults
- 670 cases involved U.S. Veterans. These cases impacted 1,340 people
- 85% of households helped make less than $25,000/year

Race/Ethnicity

- Black = 59%
- White = 31%
- Hispanic = 7%
- Other = 3%

Cases by County 2014

- Cuyahoga: 79%
- Lake: 6%
- Geauga: 1%
- Lorain: 9%
- Ashtabula: 4%
- Other: 1%
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT

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<td>Legal Services Corporation (LSC)</td>
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<td>United Way</td>
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<td>Partner Agencies (contracts for legal services)</td>
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TOTAL REVENUE: $7,665,174, $7,672,988

EXPENSES

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<td>Program Services</td>
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<td>Support Services (administration &amp; development)</td>
<td>$1,289,775</td>
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TOTAL EXPENSES: $8,075,422, $8,076,912

Excess of Revenue over Expenditures $-410,248, -$403,924

Opening Net Assets $6,457,067, $6,456,076

NET ASSETS as of year end

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<td>- Net Investment in Plant</td>
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$5,708,341, $5,749,355

Temporarily Restricted $273,428, $652,662

Permanently Restricted $65,050, $55,050

NET ASSETS $6,046,819, $6,046,076
I initially became involved with Legal Aid because of Aziza and Jean-Marie, sister and brother refugees from the war-torn Democratic Republic of Congo. Legal Aid assisted their extended family in Cleveland in getting visas to come to the United States in 2007. Through an urban ministry program, my wife and I ended up becoming Aziza and Jean-Marie’s legal guardians in 2009. The work Legal Aid does in Northeast Ohio helped not only Aziza and Jean-Marie, but also helps bring fairness and justice to thousands of people. That is why I support Legal Aid.

Edward W. Moore, Esq., Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, RPM International Inc., Member, Justice Leader Giving Society
Friends of Justice Indivdual Gifts: $100 - $249.99

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In honor of my husband and I donate to Legal Aid because lack of access to competent legal representation can make a powerless person feel hopeless and victimized. Legal Aid empowers people to fight inequity and helps them experience hope and significance. The message delivered by Legal Aid is that each person matters.

Leander Miralles, Esq., Partner, Thompson Hine, Member, Champions of Justice Giving Society
Every day, Legal Aid provides its clients with what should be a basic right: access to justice. Legal Aid delivers for those who need help and who have nowhere else to turn. In my numerous dealings with Legal Aid – whether as a Bar President, a Legal Aid board member, a pro bono volunteer or a donor – I have found that whatever time or money I could give has paid wonderful dividends towards helping us develop our system of justice for those who need it the most. 

- David A. Katik, Esq., Partner, Jones Day, Member, Champions of Justice Giving Society

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Legal Aid in 1969. I jumped at the chance to work as a Legal Aid family.

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I support Legal Aid because I realize how fortunate I am, and how a relatively small effort on my part can make a big difference in the life of someone who is less fortunate. If those of us in positions of power can help those in our community who are down on their luck, the whole community benefits. –Chris Williams, Esq., Partner, Calder Halter & Griswold, Member, Benefactors of Justice Giving Society

Legal Aid helps people be productive members of society living and working to achieve their individual goals.

-Kevin D. Barnes, Esq., Cleveland Partner in Charge, Taft Stettinius & Hollis LLP

Legal Aid is so important to our community. And, I give because my mother always said, “Help others.” She helped so many that may help one of us. So when I receive help, I try to give back. If everyone gives, no one goes without and we’re all better for it. –Ida Williams, Community Representative Board Member at The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Member, Friends of Justice Giving Society

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