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- Robert F. Kennedy
“Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, they send forth a tiny ripple of hope.”

These words, spoken by Robert F. Kennedy 53 years ago, beautifully capture a guiding principle of Legal Aid. Living out our mission each and every day requires all of us to stand up against injustice and serve as a lifeline for those in need.

Legal Aid provides the first ripple of hope that changes the course of people’s lives. In 2018, we asked The Center for Community Solutions to survey our clients about their experiences with civil legal aid. The results, published earlier this year, reveal a lasting, positive impact on those we serve.

Many of those who participated in the survey reported benefits in areas beyond their initial legal problem. Their stories begin with a ripple of hope, and build from there: A mother’s economic security helps her maintain a stable home for her family, where her children feel safe, nourished, and confident. The children are motivated and supported at school, and develop skills that lead to successful careers. Later, they will care for their mother as she ages. The ripples continue.

In 2018, Legal Aid assisted 16,945 clients through more than 7,000 cases. Thousands more participated in brief advice clinics, community education sessions, and partnership programs. As our group adds staff, expands programs, and enhances services, we continue to elevate our ambitions and build on our own ripples of success.

Thank you for helping us extend justice to those who are in crisis, and provide the foundation for stronger, more resilient communities. After all, Legal Aid’s ripple effect is not inevitable. It requires conscious effort to see everyday injustices as calls to action. It requires steadfastness in the face of our region’s biggest challenges. Because ultimately, taken “together – in the words of RFK: “Those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”

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IN 2018, LEGAL AID IMPACTED 16,945 PEOPLE

7,297 total cases handled + 5,904 cases handled & closed + 1,393 cases continued into 2019 including 1,566 cases handled by volunteers and 128 advice clinics

LEGAL AID’S SUCCESS LAST YEAR

Increased assets and income and reduced debt by $10.3 million for clients

97% safety SECURED
90% evictions PREVENTED
60% foreclosures PREVENTED
95% REMOVED barriers to education

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

82% of households served MAKE LESS THAN $25,000/year
646 cases involved U.S. VETERANS or ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS, impacting 1,227 PEOPLE.

22% of all clients were OLDER ADULTS (60+)
44% of all households helped included CHILDREN
29% Male 71% Female

RACE / ETHNICITY

54% Black 34% White 8% Hispanic 4% Identified as other races/ethnicities

CASES BY COUNTY

76% Cuyahoga 6% Lake 1% Geauga 6% Ashtabula 11% Lorain

CASES BY PRACTICE

45% Economic Justice 20% Family 18% Housing 6% Other 11% Health Law Opportunities
2018 Finances

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT 2018  2017
Legal Services Corporation (LSC) $2,445,581 $2,352,644
Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation $3,115,922 $2,852,996
(beginning net assets) $7,596,425 $6,690,504
Donations and Private Grants $3,211,832 $1,964,047
Donated Services $928,040 $1,157,144
Other Government Grants $654,320 $693,885
United Ways $361,609 $371,942
Partner Agencies (contracts for legal services) $456,837 $206,870
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With help from a Legal Aid attorney, Joy was able to set up a specialized education plan for her son David, who has ADHD and was struggling in class. Today, David is thriving and enjoys school for the first time ever.

Julie Harris

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When Ashley’s landlord refused to make any repairs, her Legal Aid attorney took the case. The City of Cleveland inspected her apartment and identified lead hazards in her unit.

After Ashley’s young daughter tested positive for elevated blood lead levels, …

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A diagnosis of acute renal disease meant Chase had to cut down his work schedule to accommodate dialysis days. Legal Aid helped him negotiate terms of employment so his medical condition would not stop him from earning a living.
Alyssa and Joey McPhee lived in their home for 13 years and their young grandson, Jabari, had lived with them his entire life. When an eviction threatened the family’s housing stability, Legal Aid stepped in and helped them stay in their home.

When Sarah’s landlord refused to make necessary repairs to her home, she reported the situation to the city housing authority. In retaliation, the landlord tried to evict her. Sarah’s Legal Aid attorney helped her avoid eviction, recoup her security deposit, and find a new, safe home.
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