



LEGAL FOUNDATION
OF WASHINGTON

THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING
EQUAL JUSTICE



YOUR INVESTMENT IN LEGAL AID CREATES JUSTICE AND HOPE

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Thank you for partnering with us as we work toward our vision of justice for all and access to civil legal aid as a basic human right for people experiencing poverty.

Your donations last year helped 31,000 families and individuals access justice and resolve small and large life-changing legal issues. You also funded critical public policy reforms such as extending foster care services for young adults and protecting seniors facing reverse mortgage foreclosures. Additionally, your support made possible high-impact litigation successes such as making sure hospitals are offering charity care to all eligible patients.

However, the justice gap persists and today only one in four low-income families with a civil legal problem is able to access help, and seven out of 10 families in poverty experience an average of **nine civil legal problems** per year. We can and must do better.

Your support has changed lives and helped people remain safe, healthy, and housed. We look forward to working with you to make sure legal aid is available to all who need it.

Onward for justice,

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2018 GRANTEES

Benton-Franklin Legal Aid Society
Blue Mountain Action Council
Chelan-Douglas County Volunteer
Attorney Services
Clallam-Jefferson County
Pro Bono Lawyers
Clark County Volunteer Lawyer
Program
Columbia Legal Services
Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Legal Aid
Eastside Legal Assistance Program
King County Bar Association
Pro Bono Services
Kitsap Legal Services
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Legal Counsel for Youth & Children
Lewis County Bar Legal Aid
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Northwest Justice Project
Seattle Community Law Center
Skagit Community Action
Volunteer Lawyer Program
Snohomish County Legal Services
Solid Ground, Benefits
Legal Assistance Program
Spokane County Bar Association
Volunteer Lawyer Program
Tacoma Pro Bono
TeamChild
Thurston County Volunteer
Legal Services
Unemployment Law Project
Yakima County Volunteer
Attorney Services

WE FUNDED civil legal aid for **31,000** families in 2018

WE SERVE Immigrants seeking asylum Families facing eviction

Veterans in need of benefits Families fleeing domestic violence and more



2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LFW is a responsible steward of your investment

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REVENUE

■ Campaign Donations	\$1,195,566
■ Endowment Disbursement	\$794,020
■ Public Funding	\$2,737,500
■ IOLTA	\$5,055,302
■ Investment Income	\$(357,532)
■ Cy Pres	\$908,827

Total Revenue **\$10,333,683**

EXPENSES

■ Grants & Grantee Support	\$8,852,325
■ Management and Fundraising	\$1,688,826

Total Expenses **\$10,541,151**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Total Assets	\$17,265,205
Total Liabilities	\$10,496,581
Total Net Assets	\$6,768,624

ENDOWMENT FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

REVENUE

■ Donations and Pledges	\$397,008
■ In-Kind Donations	\$45,747
■ Investment Income	\$(1,256,372)

Total Revenue **\$(813,617)**

EXPENSES

■ Grant to LFW	\$794,020
■ Program	\$77,921
■ Fundraising	\$173,553

Total Expenses **\$1,045,494**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$17,347,255
Net Assets End of Year	\$15,488,144
Change in Assets	\$(1,859,111)

Thank You!

LEGAL AID KEEPS FAMILIES SAFE

Two years ago, Inez received a Domestic Violence Protection Order. Her abuser had a history of physical abuse and became more violent after using crystal meth. During their 5-year relationship, he pushed, punched, and strangled her in front of their young daughter. Finally, her abuser was arrested and pled guilty to assault and agreed to undergo drug treatment.

The next year, Inez did not renew her protection order because she thought her abuser had changed. But he stalked her and threatened her and showed up at her home yelling and demanding to see their daughter. When Inez returned to court to obtain a new protection order, the Court did not believe there was new abuse and would not consider prior abuse.

Our grantee, Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) represented Inez at a later hearing and argued that fear of her abuser is enough to obtain a protection order. The ELAP attorney made case law and public policy arguments in favor of the court granting a protection order. Ultimately, Inez won her protection order. When the order was granted, Inez was overcome with emotion and so grateful for her legal aid attorney.

