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access to  
justice.**



**“My attorney seemed to know everything about Medicaid policies in MO. She was fabulous!”**





## LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MISSOURI 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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**LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MISSOURI** has improved the lives of those in need through quality legal assistance since 1964. Legal Aid provides free civil (non-criminal) legal assistance to people who need it most and can afford it least. With offices in Kansas City, Joplin, St. Joseph, and Warrensburg, Legal Aid serves a 40-county area where more than 300,000 people live in poverty.

*Throughout our report we use pseudonyms and stock photos to protect client confidentiality.*

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**No one should  
lose their home,  
their health care,  
or their safety  
because they can't  
pay for a lawyer.**

**Every day, Missourians are denied access to the basic rights to which they're entitled, simply because they don't have legal representation. Fair and equal access to justice doesn't just make some of the difference for our neighbors with low incomes — it makes all the difference.**

**If you're trying to fight an unlawful foreclosure, secure veterans' benefits which you've earned but been denied, or protect your family from an abusive partner, you need civil legal help.**

**And thanks to the support of people like you, we show up for those who needed us most.**

**In 2023, our 63 attorneys, 33 paralegals, 15 administrative assistants, 2 social workers, and 4 VAP staff directly provided free civil legal services to 12,297 children and adults in our community.**

**(KEEP READING AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!)**



# This is Jessica.

Jessica reached out to Legal Aid for help with her divorce. While Jessica was working with the Legal Aid attorney, her income significantly decreased due to her fixed disability income and the loss of her husband's earnings. Recognizing the risk of Jessica losing her home and belongings, her attorney referred Jessica for housing stabilization case management.

With the support of a Legal Aid social worker, Jessica applied for State Assistance for Housing Relief (SAFHR). She was encouraged to collaborate with Vocational Rehabilitation to find employment suitable for her disability.

As a result of Legal Aid's advocacy, Jessica received \$3,000 in SAFHR funds and successfully secured employment, ultimately saving her home, and increasing her income.

Jessica can move forward with her divorce, reassured by her stable financial situation.

**JESSICA'S ASSETS WERE SAFEGUARDED THANKS TO  
HER PROACTIVE LEGAL AID ATTORNEY.**













# This is Naimish.

Naimish contacted Legal Aid, seeking help with his public housing lease issues. After he signed a new lease, he noticed several problems with his apartment, including white dust from air vents and a cockroach infestation.

Naimish had reported the problems to various staff members at the public housing authority. He even made verbal and written requests for repairs to the housing authority's director. Despite his efforts to address the problems, Naimish's issues still needed to be solved.

Naimish's Legal Aid paralegal sent a letter to the housing authority's attorney outlining Naimish's issues and requests and providing evidence. A settlement was then negotiated with the housing authority's attorney. This settlement included reimbursement for moving expenses, waived rent, and the return of Naimish's deposit.

**THANKS TO HIS HARDWORKING LEGAL AID  
PARALEGAL, NAIMISH CAN MOVE TO A SAFE, CLEAN  
APARTMENT — FREE FROM INSECT INFESTATION.**



# This is Maria.

Maria and Joe had been having problems for years. They tried couples counseling, but it didn't help. Sometimes, when they fought, Joe became violent. One fight was so intense that Joe broke Maria's hand. Maria called the police, and Joe was charged with domestic assault. Maria had had enough; she knew she needed to leave before the violence escalated. When she broke the news to Joe, he threatened to kill himself, so she let him come home. A few months later, he started getting abusive again and tried to hit her with his truck. This time, Maria called Legal Aid and filed for an order of protection.

On the day of the hearing, Joe showed up and tried to fight the order. Maria was terrified to see him and glad to have a Legal Aid attorney by her side. Joe begged Maria to get back together with him, but the Legal Aid attorney helped Maria stay strong and proceed with the hearing. After listening to Maria and Joe testify and reviewing the evidence, the judge, concerned for Maria's safety, granted her a Full Order of Protection.

Maria is now free to start a life away from her abusive partner.

**MARIA STOOD UP TO HER ABUSER IN COURT. SHE  
HAD A LEGAL AID ATTORNEY ON HER SIDE.**











# This is Larry.

When Larry's mother fell ill with cancer, he stepped in to care for her, moving into her home. Her illness prevented her from working, leading to missed mortgage payments. Sadly, Larry's mother passed away, leaving him to discover the financial strain she had been facing alone. Despite his efforts to communicate with the mortgage servicer, Larry hit a dead end because only his mother's name appeared on the mortgage.

After being refused help by the mortgage company many times, Larry turned to Legal Aid. Larry's Legal Aid attorney successfully added him as a successor in interest on the mortgage and got him approved for over \$30,000 of State Assistance for Housing Relief (SAFHR) assistance. Larry was then able to catch up on the mortgage payments and bring the account current.

Larry can stay in his mother's home and avoid a potentially disastrous situation that could have left him homeless. Larry is now free from the worry of debt.

**LARRY'S LEGAL AID ATTORNEY SAVED HIS  
MOTHER'S HOME AND HELPED LARRY AVERT  
FINANCIAL CRISIS FOLLOWING HER DEATH.**

## YOUR 2023 IMPACT

Last year, Legal Aid staff provided free civil legal services to 12,297 children and adults in our community. We fought for benefits to ensure that seniors, those with disabilities, and folks who lost their jobs got the income they needed to survive. We put domestic violence survivors on a path to safety and self-sufficiency. We removed legal barriers to health care access. We fought to maintain housing so families could stay in their communities and thrive. And we lifted the burden of debt for consumers defrauded by unscrupulous businesses and individuals.

### CASE SNAPSHOT



**2,001**

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CONSUMER/TAXES



**627**

**141**

IMMIGRATION/  
HUMAN RIGHTS



**229**



ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

PUBLIC BENEFITS/  
INCOME MAINTENANCE

**495**

**4,138\***

MUNICIPAL COURT CASES



**149**

EDUCATION/MISC

**1,980**



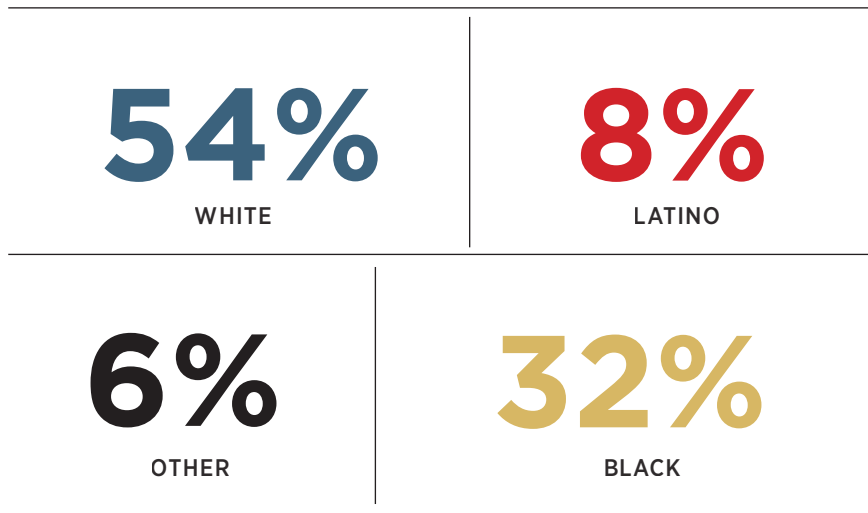
FAMILY LAW/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

\*Municipal cases may have multiple charges.

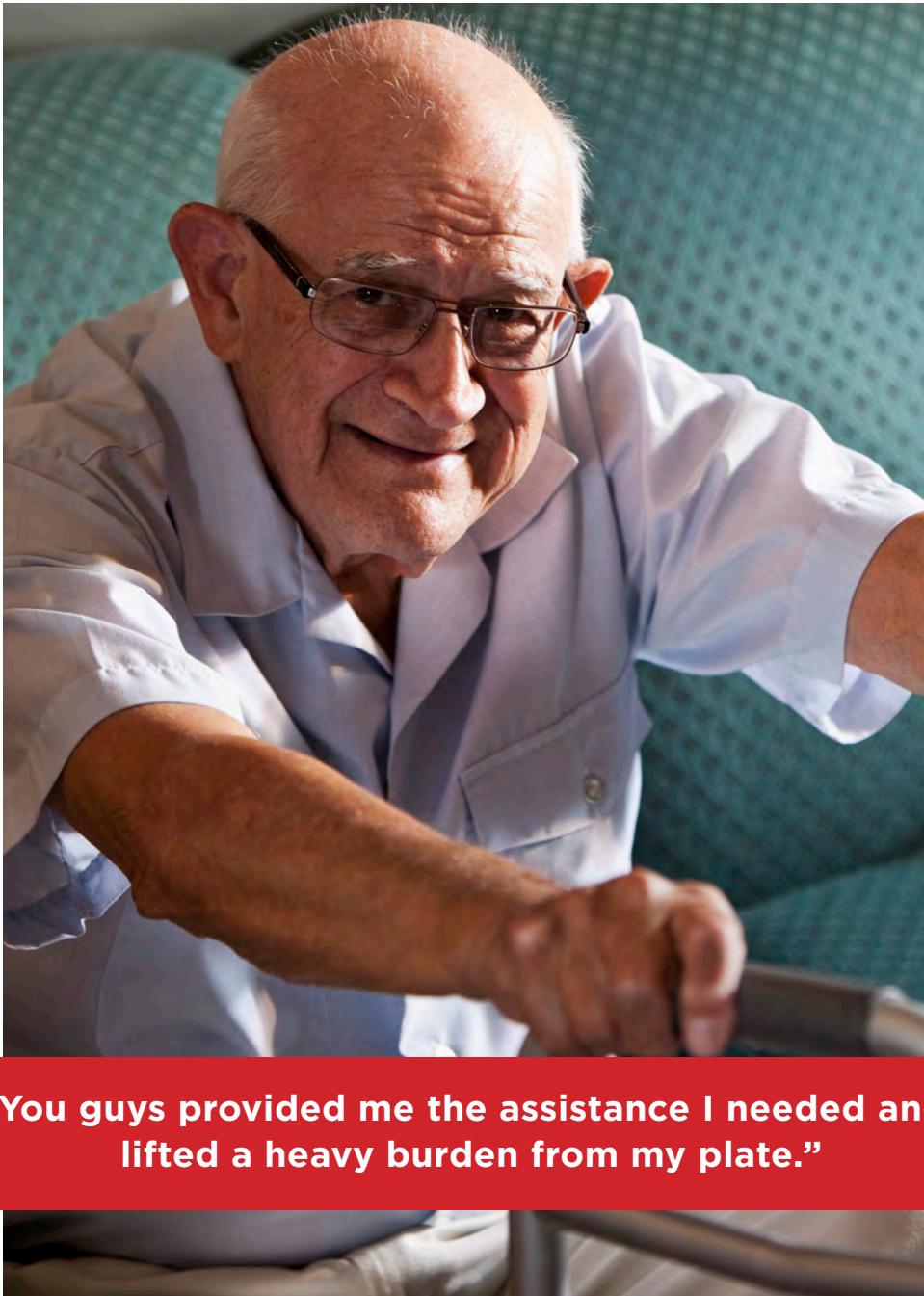
### CIVIL CASES CLOSED BY OFFICE

JOPLIN	586
KANSAS CITY - CENTRAL OFFICE	3,846
KANSAS CITY - WEST OFFICE	211
ST. JOSEPH	462
WARRENSBURG	517
<b>TOTAL CIVIL CASES CLOSED</b>	<b>5,622</b>
<b>TOTAL KCMO MUNICIPAL COURT CASES</b>	<b>4,138</b>
<b>TOTAL 2023 CLOSED CASES</b>	<b>9,760</b>

### 2023 CLIENT DIVERSITY



Legal Aid clients face legal and financial crises that are rooted in inequality, poverty, or both. We are honored to fight by their side and help them achieve justice, safety, and stability.



**“You guys provided me the assistance I needed and lifted a heavy burden from my plate.”**



## A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Wealth should not determine who has access to justice ... but it usually does.

Legal services organizations and other public interest attorneys provide the narrow pathway for low-income and vulnerable individuals to have a fighting chance at justice and even then, there are so many hurdles.

One challenge is public perception. It's interesting to see some people support the abstract concept of a legal aid lawyer but when they see this attorney fighting for their client, filing meritorious counterclaims, submitting appropriate discovery requests, and in general, being the advocate they are meant to be, the response is sometimes outrage. But justice, true justice, means that clients receive outstanding legal service and a fair process. And as lawyers, don't we want to offer this to all of our clients, no matter their income?

To provide outstanding legal services, resources are critical. Right now, our most scarce resource is the limited number of attorneys interested in doing public service work, particularly in our most rural areas. At Legal Aid, we are not looking for just any attorney. We look for people who are intelligent, compassionate, creative, organized, patient, and who have a great sense of humor. It isn't easy to do this work and we

have an amazing staff that cares deeply about the people we serve. Those that join their ranks know that working at Legal Aid is not just another job, it is a mission.

Thank you for the many ways that you serve our mission. Thanks for your donations; thanks for providing volunteer hours to take difficult cases; thanks for singing our praises in your local communities. We very much appreciate you and let's continue to work together to provide our clients with a true opportunity for justice.



Alicia M. Johnson

## CORE PRACTICE AREAS



### Consumer Protection:

Legal Aid helps clients, particularly seniors on fixed incomes, with consumer issues such as personal property taxes, auto fraud, debt collection practices, and other issues. We work with home loan servicers to prevent foreclosure and can stop foreclosure sales through bankruptcy or litigation. The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic assists taxpayers in resolving issues with the IRS and Missouri Department of Revenue.



### Rental Housing Assistance:

Housing advocates assist those in public housing, federally subsidized housing, and private housing. We provide advice or representation to help clients avoid unlawful evictions, coordinate rental assistance, penalize illegal conduct by landlords, and recover wrongfully withheld security deposits. We also help residents when there is a widespread problem in a housing development to correct the problem for all the tenants, not just one individual or family.



### Family Law/Domestic Violence Protection:

Legal Aid's Family Law advocates help survivors of domestic violence secure safety and stability by offering legal representation for orders of protection, divorce, paternity, custody, and child support. Attorneys focus on cases involving domestic violence and prioritize those with at-risk children.

Our representation, combined with community resource referrals, enables survivors to escape abuse and achieve physical and financial security.



#### **Public Benefits:**

Legal Aid helps people with issues related to state and federal public assistance programs, including MO Health-Net, SNAP, childcare, unemployment benefits, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare. We provide representation and advice at hearings, negotiations, and appeals. We also do outreach to educate the community and improve access to healthcare, food and income support programs.



#### **Economic Development:**

Legal Aid's Economic Development Unit represents nonprofit community organizations in neighborhood improvement activities, including creating and preserving affordable housing in Kansas City.

Legal services include property acquisition, financing, title clearance, real estate closing and syndication, tax abatement, zoning, applications for tax exemption, non-profit formation, and contracts with service providers.



#### **Human Rights Protection Team:**

The Team consists of the Immigration Project and the Migrant Farmworkers Project. We provide quality, trauma-informed representation for refugees, asylees, permanent residents, and survivors of violent crimes, trafficking, and domestic violence.

The Immigration Project handles naturalization, visa processing, and Violence Against Women Act applications. The Migrant Farmworkers Project addresses wage theft, labor trafficking, housing, immigration, and safety concerns for low-income farmworkers throughout Missouri.

## LEGAL AID OFFICES

### **Joplin:**

The Joplin office provides services to six counties along Missouri's southwest border. The staff consists of three attorneys, three paralegals, one social worker, and one administrative assistant. The cases handled by the Joplin office involve survivors of domestic abuse seeking orders of protection, marriage dissolution, paternity, custody, visitation, and child support orders. In addition, the staff handles cases involving consumer law, landlord/tenant law, guardianship cases, social security cases, and public benefits.

### **Kansas City - Central Office:**

The staff includes 35 attorneys, 19 paralegals, 18 administrative staff, two intake specialists, eight administrative assistants, and one social worker. Staff handle cases involving consumer law, housing, domestic violence, landlord/tenant matters, access to health care, and federal and state benefits issues.

The Central office houses the administrative offices, including the executive office, fiscal, human resources, our Volunteer Attorney Project, IT, and development.

### **Kansas City - West Office:**

For 45 years, the Economic Development Unit has provided counsel and representation on matters ranging from individual homeownership issues to city-wide economic and community development to over 40 of Kansas City's historic neighborhoods.

These services are provided by Legal Aid's bilingual staff, which includes six attorneys and five paralegals.

### **Kansas City - Municipal Defense:**

Our Municipal Court Defense Unit is funded by a contract with the City of Kansas City Missouri. Attorneys represent clients charged with jailable offenses in the City's municipal courts. Staff includes nine attorneys, one paralegal, and one administrative assistant.

### **St. Joseph:**

St. Joseph's staff includes four attorneys, three paralegals, and one administrative assistant serving an 18-county area in northwest Missouri. The office represents a mix of both rural and urban clients. Many of the cases involve family law, including marriage dissolution, custody, guardianship, and orders of protection. In addition, staff handle cases involving consumer issues, landlord/tenant law, and other civil matters.

### **Warrensburg:**

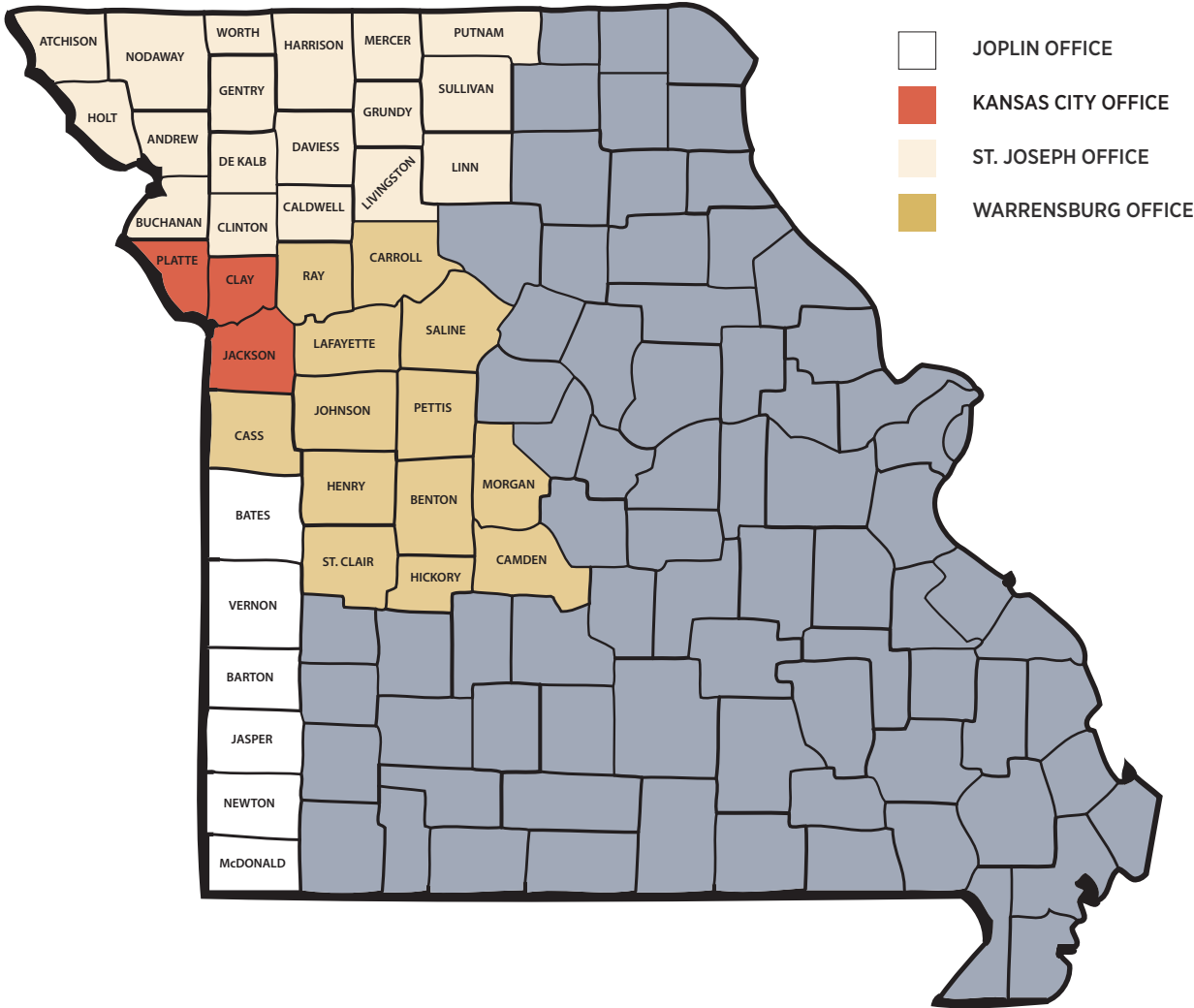
This office serves thirteen rural counties in west-central Missouri. The staff consists of two attorneys, three paralegals, and one administrative assistant. The Warrensburg staff handle cases involving consumer law, housing, domestic violence, landlord/tenant matters, and public benefits issues. The staff maintains a strong presence in the community and works directly with local agencies in several counties.



**We serve 40 counties in Missouri where more than 300,000 people live in poverty — most of whom you will never meet. But they are your neighbors. They live in the communities you call home.**



# OUR 40-COUNTY SERVICE AREA



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## SPECIAL PROJECTS

ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN RURAL SERVICE AREAS (ST. JOSEPH, WARRENSBURG & JOPLIN)

ADVOCATES FOR FAMILY HEALTH

JUSTICE IN THE SCHOOLS (KCPS, CENTER, GUADALUPE CENTERS CHARTER SCHOOLS,  
HOGAN PREP, AND HICKMAN MILLS)

LEGAL AID IN THE LIBRARY

LOW INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC

MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP WITH KANSAS CITY CARE CLINIC

MENTAL HEALTHCARE ACCESS PROJECT

MIGRANT FARMWORKERS PROJECT

PROTECTING IMMIGRANT FAMILIES PROJECT (PROTECTIVE ORDERS)

RIGHT TO COUNSEL

URBAN HOMESTEADING PROJECT

VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY PROJECT SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

- ADOPT-A-NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT
- PRO BONO PROGRAM FOR BANKRUPTCY LITIGATION
- SECOND SEASON AT LAW
- TRANSACTIONAL LAW PROJECT
- UMKC-LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MISSOURI SELF-HELP LAW CLINIC
- WARRANT RELIEF PROJECT

SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAMS WITH KANSAS CITY MUNICIPAL COURT:

- DRUG COURT
- MENTAL HEALTH COURT
- VETERANS' TREATMENT COURT



**Individuals and families with low incomes experience 1-3 civil legal problems each year. And these problems create huge barriers to life's necessities — necessities like housing, health care, food, and freedom from violence. Our aim is to ensure they never face the battle alone.**

## **LEGAL AID STAFF\***

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\* As of April 2024



**“I had a wonderful experience. My attorney was kind and caring — a genuine person and not judgemental.”**



# VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY PROJECT

The Volunteer Attorney Project (VAP) places eligible clients with private attorneys who agree to provide free legal representation to those who otherwise could not afford it. The private attorneys who volunteer their time through VAP believe in the principle of equal access to the legal system, of making “justice for all” more than just a promise. They donate their time and considerable talents to make that ideal a reality.



**3,952**  
HOURS OF LEGAL  
REPRESENTATION



**515**  
CLOSED CASES



**\$988,090**  
DONATED LEGAL  
SERVICES

## The following attorneys accepted new VAP cases in 2023.

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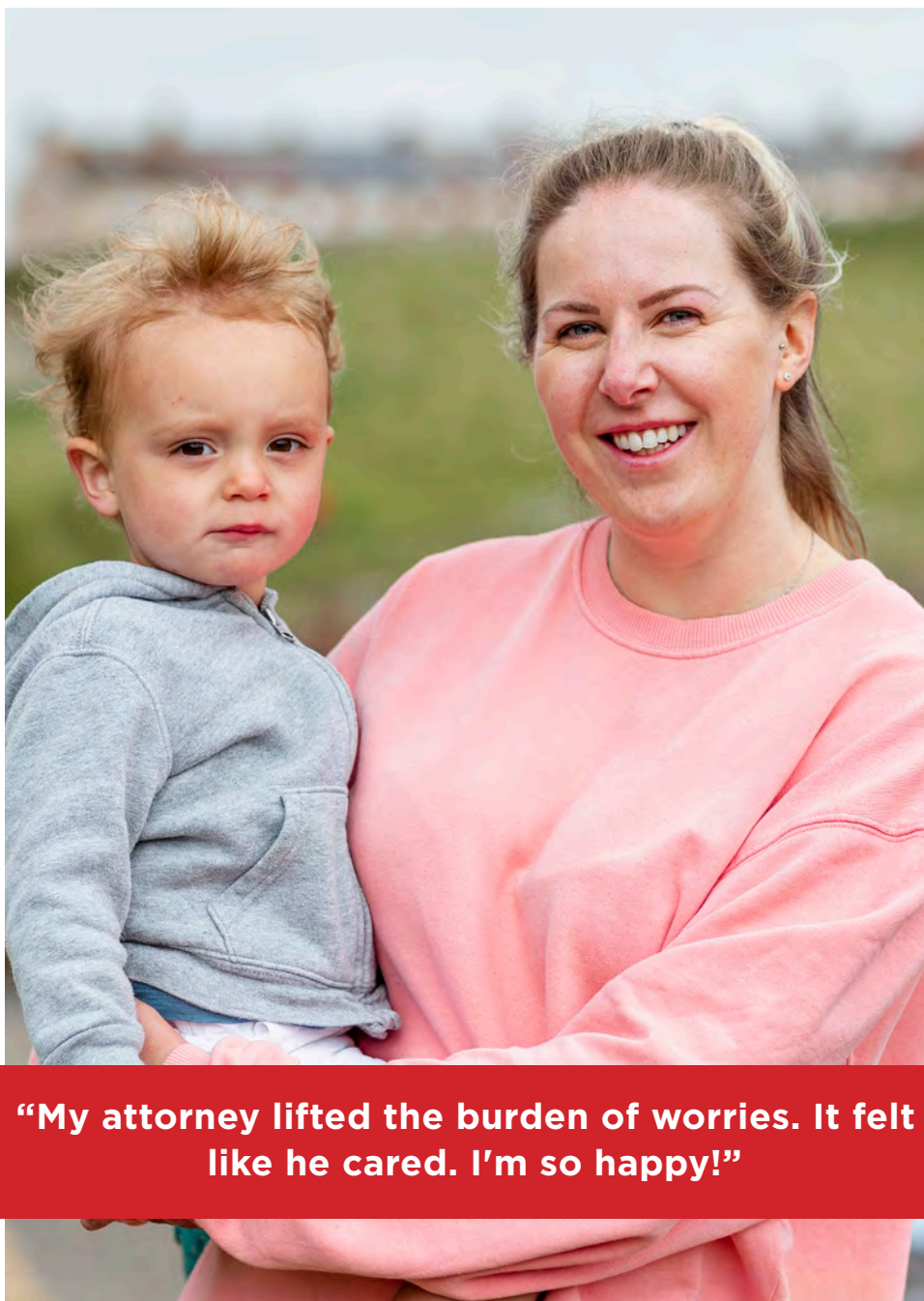
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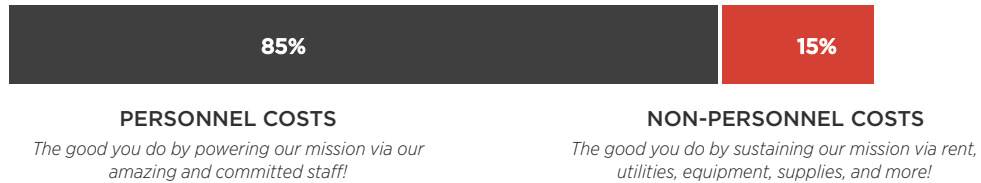
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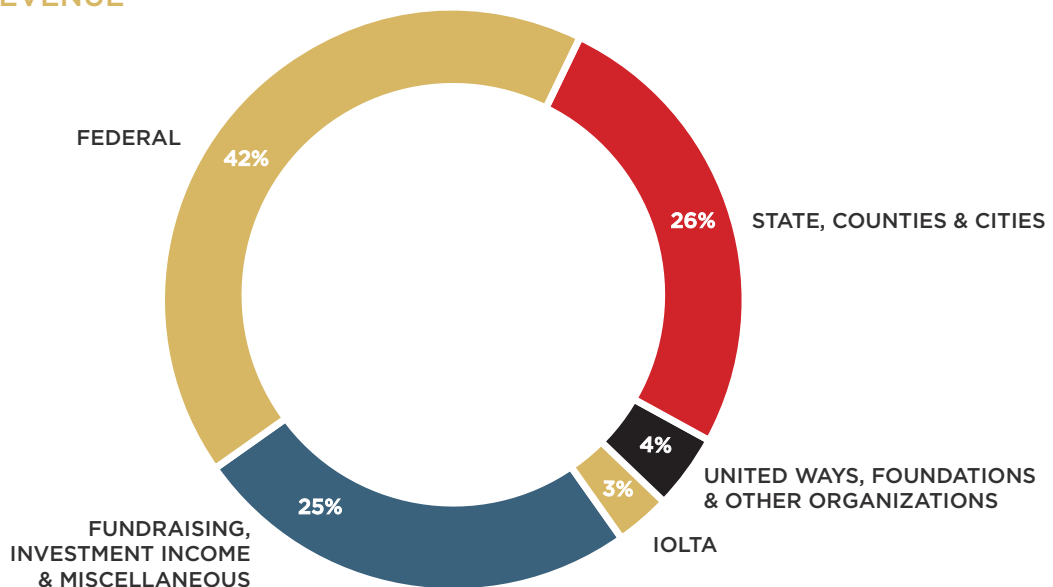


2023 TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS = \$10,119,431

2023 TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL COSTS = \$1,847,220

2023 TOTAL EXPENSES = \$11,966,651

## 2023 REVENUE



2023 TOTAL REVENUE = \$14,304,544





**“You all are the best. I thank you from the  
bottom of my heart.”**

**Just because  
you can't afford  
an attorney  
doesn't mean  
you shouldn't  
have one.**

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