You’re not a donor. You’re a HERO.
Mission Statement

The Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado promotes equal access to justice by raising funds to provide civil legal services for low-income people in the state of Colorado.

Don was a longtime partner at the Denver law firm of Davis Graham & Stubbs. He worked tirelessly throughout his legal career to improve access to civil justice in Colorado. He was the founding Chair, as well as a lifelong and legacy supporter of the Legal Aid Foundation. He also championed pro bono service as an opportunity to serve your community, but also a responsibility of the profession and a means of developing better lawyers.

“Whatever the theater may be that you choose to perform in be aware of what you could do and what is at stake. Join the hopeful and walk on by the others. Make a difference. And enjoy yourselves.”

— Don Hoagland, July 20, 1990

Dedicated in memory of
Donald W. Hoagland
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Every good story has a hero. And ours is no exception.

Over the course of the last twelve months, the lives of thousands of Coloradans have been changed. Some are finally free from physical abuse or financial exploitation. Others no longer face the threat of homelessness. Still others now have access to desperately needed medical care or disability benefits.

All, thanks to you, are in a better position to resume healthy, productive lives because they received the legal assistance they needed at a critical moment. Which brings us back to the subject of heroes.

This year alone, notwithstanding a still-anemic economic recovery and shifting sands in the legal profession, you contributed a total of $1.4 million to Legal Aid. You’re the heroes of our story.

Your gifts mean that fewer Coloradans are unfairly denied the rights, remedies, and protections afforded by the law.

Your gifts mean that fewer legal problems for some of us become social problems for all of us.

Your gifts breathe life into our pledge of “justice for all,” and protect the rule of law, upon which our nation’s health and prosperity depends.

Thank you for being our heroes. Thank you for your continued support.

Celebrating Your Support

Thank you to all who gathered on September 15, 2011, at the Carriage House of the Governor’s Mansion to celebrate 30 years of outstanding support for Legal Aid from the Colorado legal community.

Legal Aid Foundation Trustee Paul Phillips (left) accepts a special award on behalf of Holland and Hart for its many years of institutional support. Fred Baumann (right) of Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons and a former Legal Aid Foundation Chair received an award for his longstanding individual commitment to Legal Aid.
Your donation to the Legal Aid Foundation supports Colorado Legal Services (CLS), which is the only agency in the state that provides free civil legal services to indigent clients in every Colorado county.

Priority is given to addressing legal issues that threaten the basic necessities of a decent life, including at least minimally adequate income, food, shelter, utilities and medical care, freedom from domestic violence and abuse, and the protection of individual rights of the elderly and those who are physically and mentally disabled.

With few exceptions, those served live at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines. The most recent Census Bureau survey indicates that there are now more than 880,000 Coloradans who are income-eligible for legal aid.

CLS Offices

In 2011, Colorado Legal Services directly served 11,534 low-income clients, but it stretched its limited resources with technology, pro se materials, self help programs, clinics, and pro bono programs to provide assistance to many more.

Areas of Service

“Justice is the ligament which holds civilized beings and civilized nations together.”
— Daniel Webster

Demographics of those served by CLS in 2011

“I have always committed myself to the cause of those who are less fortunate.”
— Dorothy Hervey, who has been a legal aid paralegal for 43 years.

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Improving Access to Justice Through Technology

Technology innovations are proving to be particularly important as the need for civil legal assistance continues to grow, while CLS has experienced funding cuts of over $2.5 million in the last three years. By way of example:

The CLS website provides basic legal information online for anyone who has access to a computer. The website had over 94,000 unique visitors in 2011.

CLS added an online intake option in March, and over 1,400 applications for service were submitted online within the first six months.

Online “LiveChat” services are provided every Wednesday by CLS staff and volunteer lawyers for veterans, service members, and their families.

The CLS website allows self-represented litigants to prepare certain required court forms online. In 2011, more than 3,000 documents were assembled using this innovative software.

"Colorado Legal Services continues to research and implement the effective use of technologies to help increase access to justice throughout the state."
— Molly French, CLS Technology Unit Manager

"Colorado Legal Services continues to expand its online options.

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"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."
— Joseph Campbell

"Most of my clients come to CLS seeking access to medical care – for themselves or their families. Working with them couldn’t be more satisfying."
— Peter Komlos-Hrobsky, who has been a legal aid lawyer for 35 years.
The following law firms contributed to the Legal Aid Foundation at the leadership level of at least $350 per Colorado lawyer in the firm.

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Leaders Extraordinaire!

A special thank you to the seven Leadership Law Firms who made additional contribution this year to create an Incentive Fund, which matched new donations dollar for dollar: Arnold & Porter, Baker & Hostetler, Davis Graham & Stubbs, Faegre Baker Daniels, Holland & Hart, Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti, and Wheeler Trigg O’Donnell.

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“the hero is one who kindles a great light in the world, who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for others to see by.”
The Legal Aid Foundation enjoys strong institutional support from Colorado law firms. A shining example of that is Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti, where the commitment to equal justice runs all the way from the firm’s leadership to its summer associates.

Otten Johnson is one of the Foundation’s longstanding Leadership Firms, contributing every year at, and frequently above, our target giving level. This year the firm was also one of the underwriters of our Incentive Fund, which matched new donations dollar for dollar. In addition to its strong financial support, Otten Johnson has provided outstanding leadership over the years at every level of our organization, from the Board of Trustees to our Campaign Committees. All this is to say nothing about the financial support we receive from individual lawyers at the firm, including the firm’s associates, who have consistently achieved 100% participation in our annual Associates Campaign.

“Providing necessary legal assistance to those who would otherwise be unable to obtain it has always been a central tenant of Otten Johnson’s philosophy. The Firm considers its annual contribution to the Legal Aid Foundation to be a key piece of granting such assistance — the Foundation’s mission and the Firm’s goals are perfectly aligned.”

— Jim Johnson, Otten Johnson Managing Partner

“After working in the student clinic last year, I truly understand the sheer volume of underrepresented, and legal aid is on the front line of serving that vulnerable population. You can count on my support in the years to come.”

— Alix Wengert-Lasalle, Otten Johnson Summer Associate and 3L at Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver

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Thank you to the 225 law firms that contributed to this year’s Campaign. A special thank you to the 120 law firms that contributed at the leadership level of $350 per Colorado lawyer in the firm.
Julia, whose wages were improperly garnished, originally sought legal aid to file bankruptcy because she didn’t know how else to escape the situation. With legal aid assistance, the garnishment was removed and her garnished wages were returned so she could move forward with her life.
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**Special thanks to Dave Johnson and Ed Gleason for hosting a donor appreciation reception in Colorado Springs on November 3, 2011, and to Michael Goldman and his firm Goldman Robbins and Nicholson for doing the same in Durango on June 22, 2012.**

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"Justice in the life and conduct of the State is possible only as first it resides in the hearts and souls of the citizens."

— Plato
Thank you to all those who contributed to Legal Aid on Colorado Gives Day 2011!

This was the first year that Legal Aid participated in Community First Foundation’s statewide initiative to increase philanthropy through online giving. During the 24-hour giving period, we received 178 donations, totaling over $60,000. Thirty-four percent of our gifts were from new donors.

Legal aid helped Ed, who mistakenly believed it was unnecessary to report his stolen social security card because he was retired, and was subsequently denied his retirement benefits after his identity was fraudulently used by another to obtain employment.
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**“A hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with freedom.”**

— Bob Dylan
Forging New Partnerships

Legal Aid launched a new “Community Partners” initiative this year to showcase those vendors who are joining the legal community in improving access to justice. Our sincere thanks to those vendors who are among our longtime donors and a heartfelt welcome to those vendors who supported us for the first time this year.

“Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.”
—Adlai Stevenson

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