

EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW


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OF COLORADO

HIGHLIGHTS 2021-2022

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION

Contributions to the Legal Aid Foundation support the work of Colorado Legal Services, the only program in the state that provides legal help in civil matters to indigent clients in every Colorado county.

COLORADO LEGAL SERVICES 2021



11,461
cases handled



23,203
referrals made for other assistance



23,729
individuals benefited



\$3,188,741
in awards and benefits for clients



5,675
pro bono hours provided by attorneys



171,211
unique web site visitors for self-help legal information

AREAS OF SERVICE



Housing	43%
Family Law & Domestic Violence	25%
Employment, Health, & Misc.	20%
Consumer & Finance	12%

CLIENTS



White/Caucasian	54%
Hispanic	24%
Black	13%
Unknown / Other	6%
Native American	2%
Asian	1%

DEAR FRIENDS,

In recent years, our country has been engaged in an important conversation about the rule of law and its impact on the integrity of our democracy. The accessibility of our civil justice system is critical to the fair and even application of the law – and **you** are absolutely essential to that in Colorado.

Every year, thousands of low-income Coloradans encounter difficult moments in their lives that implicate the law. Families reel from the consequences of evictions, foreclosures, debt collections, and denials of benefits. Women and their children seek refuge from domestic violence, and couples are embroiled in the conflict and consequences of divorce. Seniors seeking to maintain their health and independence face destitution because of staggering medical debt.

Without your gifts, many of those facing these calamities would do so alone, with serious and often life-altering consequences. Your support for legal aid levels the playing field, giving some of our most vulnerable citizens the information, tools, and assistance necessary to secure and defend the rights and protections afforded by law. Legal assistance is very often a necessary component of ensuring equality under the law, and your donations to legal aid make that happen.

Your commitment to legal aid helps ensure that the rule of law is not an arid legal doctrine, but rather the very foundation of a fair and just society. On behalf of all those for whom you make equal justice under law a reality, thank you.

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

- **3,000 COLORADO LAWYERS** made individual donations
- **236 LAW FIRMS** made donations, 107 at the Leadership level of \$450 per Colorado lawyer
- **\$1,750,000** distributed to Colorado Legal Services
- **78 DEDICATED LAWYERS** supported in 13 offices statewide

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Thank you to all our law firm donors. A special thank you to our **Leadership Law Firms** (in bold) for their reliable, annual donations of at least \$450 per Colorado lawyer in the firm.

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Individuals	\$1,062,451	48%
Foundations, Corporate & Other	\$114,661	5%
Fundraising Events	\$13,128	<1%
Investment Income (loss)	(\$99,043)	(4%)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,234,983	100%
DISBURSEMENTS		
Distribution to CLS	\$1,750,000	87%
Fundraising Activities	\$167,100	8%
Management & General	\$87,748	4%
Distribution – Other	\$4,500	<1%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,009,348	100%

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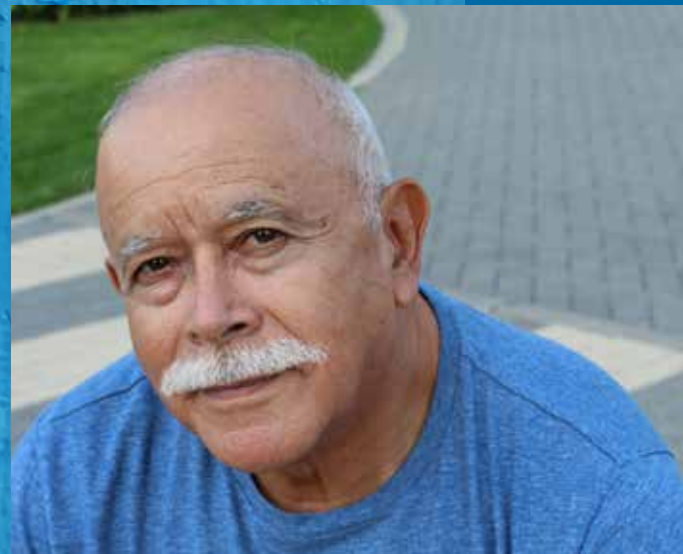
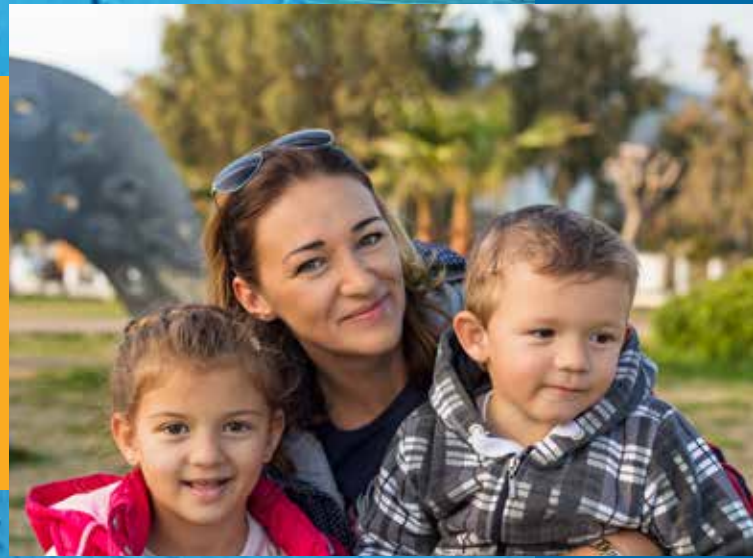
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Jon Asher, the longtime Executive Director of Colorado Legal Services (CLS), has announced his retirement, effective in March 2023. Jon has devoted his entire professional career to legal aid, first in Greeley as a staff attorney at what was then Colorado Rural Legal Services, then beginning in late 1980 as Executive Director of what was then the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver, and finally, in the fall of 1999, as Executive Director of the newly-consolidated statewide program, CLS. Jon's leadership and his commitment to the clients for whom legal aid exists are evident in CLS's strength, the quality of the services it provides, and the support it enjoys – locally, statewide, and nationally. There is no question that Jon will be missed, but the mission to which he dedicated his professional life and for which your ongoing support is essential, will continue. The nationwide search for his successor is already underway. Please watch for more information about the search, as well as opportunities to celebrate and recognize Jon's 50+ years of service to legal aid.

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Javier successfully challenged an unlawful administrative denial of benefits for dental care to remediate a condition that was causing him constant pain and jeopardizing his overall health.