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—Erek Barron, *The Daily Record*
MISSION
To provide high-quality legal services to Maryland’s poor through a mix of services and to bring about the changes poor people want in the systems that affect them.

Maryland Legal Aid:

Employment
- Obtains illegally denied unemployment benefits
- Gets wages and back pay due
- Overcomes job discrimination
- Resolves on-the-job issues such as safety or grievances

Housing
- Preserves affordable housing
- Stops illegal evictions from public and subsidized housing
- Helps persons with disabilities get and preserve housing
- Advocates for correction of substandard housing
- Prevents homelessness
- Helps tenant organizations advocate for better conditions
- Prevents termination or denial of housing subsidies
- Ensures rights to decent, habitable housing
- Overcomes discrimination in obtaining housing
- Obtains return of security deposits

Income maintenance
- Helps those with disabilities get assistance to avoid institutionalization
- Helps to obtain, preserve, restore or increase public assistance
- Overcomes denial of emergency assistance, food stamps, Social Security, and veteran benefits

Juvenile
- Represents abused and neglected children

Consumer
- Prevents foreclosure
- Helps homeowners bilked by foreclosure rescue scams
- Corrects credit ratings
- Stops or reduces debt-collection activity
- Helps consumers avoid or end garnishment
- Overcomes unfair or illegal sales contracts
- Ensures sales contracts and warranties
- Obtains or preserves credit
- Overcomes fraudulent sales practices
- Avoids or delays utility terminations

Health
- Helps sick children, the disabled and the elderly get medical assistance
- Helps seniors get Medicaid assistance so they can live in their communities
- Assists people in preserving the long-term care placement of their choice
- Stops or obtains redress for harmful medical treatment
- Ensures terms of health or disability insurance

Family
- Assists appropriate custodial parents in maintaining custody
- Assists with getting protection from domestic violence
- Helps abuse survivors obtain custody, divorce and alimony
- Helps parents obtain visitation rights
- Helps parents obtain guardianships or adoptions for dependent children
- Helps stop termination of parental rights
- Helps establish paternity
- Helps custodial parents obtain, preserve or increase child support
- Obtains or preserves terms of foster care placement

Farmworkers
- Educates and represents farmworkers regarding their employment rights, including wage collection, suitable housing and workplace safety
- Educates service providers, government officials and the public about farmworkers’ rights and needs, such as language access to social services and job training
- Documents wage non-payment, occupational safety violations and poor migrant camp conditions while advocating for their improvement.

Education
- Helps children get special education services to which they are entitled
- Helps children avoid illegal or unfair school suspensions and expulsions

Vision
To lead in providing high-quality legal services; to build on mutual respect for clients, staff, and others; to advocate for justice; and to add maximum positive value to all who request legal assistance.

Overview
Established in 1911, the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. is a private, non-profit law firm providing free civil legal services to low-income people statewide. Maryland Legal Aid serves Baltimore City and Maryland’s 23 counties from 13 offices. Funding comes from federal, state, and local governments, the United Way, foundations, law firms, and other private contributors.

Maryland Legal Aid’s priorities are in family, child advocacy, housing, education, employment, consumer, and public benefits law. Clients are provided necessary legal assistance to gain protection from domestic violence, retain custody of children, fight unlawful evictions, prevent foreclosures on homes, secure educational services, and obtain needed medical and disability benefits, unemployment insurance, and other forms of temporary financial assistance.

Special statewide programs provide representation and assistance for children who are victims of abuse and neglect, the elderly, nursing home and assisted living residents, migrant and seasonal farmworkers, tenants working to preserve affordable housing, and homeowners facing foreclosure due to predatory lending.
Welcome

For more than 100 years, Maryland Legal Aid’s attorneys and staff have provided critical, often life-saving legal help to the most vulnerable people in Maryland—young children, the elderly, people with disabilities, and those living in dire economic conditions. Through the zealous advocacy of our attorneys, one case at a time, we labor to obtain fairness in the justice system and uplift the outlook of the disenfranchised.

A legal system that limits access to a lawyer to only those who can afford it is a defective system. While we may believe that we have a fair legal system, the reality is that it requires a lawyer to make it work. Unlike virtually every other developed country, the U.S. does not provide lawyers to low-income people facing life-critical issues, such as an illegal eviction, the loss of medical benefits, or legal problems stemming from abusive relationships.

Most recently, Maryland Legal Aid became the first legal services program in the U.S. to adopt a human rights framework as its core operating principle. Basic human rights are embodied in the seminal documents of our nation. The Declaration of Independence speaks of “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” Those rights are enshrined in the Constitution as rights not bestowed by the government, but as natural rights we inherit just by virtue of being human.

The human rights framework embodies President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s “Four Freedoms” 1941 State of the Union address as a guideline. Roosevelt’s speech was given as the nation was still reeling from the Great Depression and about to enter the throes of World War II to fight against an alliance of totalitarian regimes which showed a criminal disregard for human life and basic human rights. Viewed in this context, the speech was especially meaningful. Roosevelt believed in a world founded on the essential freedoms of speech and of worship, and freedom from want and from fear. He declared that “freedom means the supremacy of human rights everywhere.” Roosevelt’s speech engaged the international community in examining human rights and forced it to focus on the development of standards directing nations to progressively realize those rights.

Maryland Legal Aid has adopted its human rights framework to incorporate FDR’s vision, believing that it attacks the root of client problems, and assists us in broadening our advocacy efforts. Legal Aid is positioned at the forefront of efforts to achieve those rights. Closer to home, the U.S. Supreme Court and the Maryland Court of Appeals have accepted a human rights analysis in examining issues such as capital punishment, medical experimentation on children, and the right to privacy. In each case, the Court has accepted the underlying human rights analysis in examining issues such as capital punishment, medical experimentation on children, and the right of transgendered people to be identified to their selected gender.

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Earlier this year, Maryland Legal Aid was selected by the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at American University’s Washington College of Law as a Project Partner for the Local Human Rights Lawyering Project. The Center developed the Local Human Rights Lawyering Project to provide training, coaching, and mentoring for legal aid attorneys to expand the promise of their mission by integrating a human rights framework into their daily work.

Through this Ford Foundation-funded project, Maryland Legal Aid staff will receive training and support on human rights issues from some of the brightest minds in the field, and we are confident and excited that our advocacy will be greatly enhanced because of it. As we move into our second century of service, the project serves as yet another example of Maryland Legal Aid’s commitment and dedication to balancing the scales of justice.

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Maryland Legal Aid Executive Director Wilhelm H. Joseph, Jr., delivers an address at the April 2011 joint University of Maryland/University of Baltimore law schools human rights symposium celebrating Maryland Legal Aid’s 100th anniversary.

“The importance of human rights has been underlined over and over again this year. Across the globe, people mobilized to demand justice, dignity, equality, participation—the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration.”

— U.N. Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon
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—Seri Wilpone, a Maryland Legal Aid chief attorney, who headed a recent strategic planning process that recommended the human rights framework.

Harry Belafonte Struck A Beautiful Chord

More than 700 guests were on hand September 24 for Maryland Legal Aid’s sold-out Centennial Celebration. One hundred Champions of Justice and Human Rights were recognized after rousing speeches by Governor Martin O’Malley and guest of honor Harry Belafonte.

“The Maryland Legal Aid Bureau celebrated its centennial anniversary Saturday night in Baltimore and keynote speaker Harry Belafonte struck a beautiful chord,” wrote board member Erek Barron in The Daily Record. “Both Belafonte and Legal Aid Executive Director Wilhelm Joseph actually sang together on stage!”

“Belafonte entertained the crowd but also offered serious sentiments stemming from his experience as an international human rights activist,” Barron continued. “The message was right on time for an organization re-energized around a human rights framework.

“Belafonte acknowledged that he was ‘preaching to the choir.’ But he quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, saying, ‘it’s important that you preach to the choir because if you don’t, they could stop singing.’” Barron wrote.

“The evening was an opportunity for Legal Aid supporters to get together, reminisce about ‘the old days at Legal Aid’ and renew their commitment to Legal Aid’s next 100 years,” said Baltimore Child Advocacy Unit chief attorney Joan Little (one of the night’s honorees). “The governor’s and Harry Belafonte’s speeches were excellent—and the house was packed.”

Added Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, the publisher of The Daily Record, the event’s media sponsor: “I hope you are incredibly proud of your team for the tremendous event you held…” she wrote in an email to Wilhelm Joseph. “It was an honor to be on stage to celebrate 100 outstanding leaders and support the great works of Maryland Legal Aid. The entire evening was perfect and a great tribute to legal leaders.”
“I’m impressed by Legal Aid’s visionary, out-of-the-box thinking to use a human rights framework,” said Henderson (left in photo with Executive Director Wilhelm Joseph). “You play an important role in the human rights movement by helping the poor, by preventing illegal evictions, and by making sure that parents don’t lose custody. I salute Legal Aid’s efforts to build a broader understanding of human rights. Your work is vital!”

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Maryland Legal Aid Community Birthday Party
Maryland Legal Aid hosted a community birthday party on Sept. 10, 2011 to celebrate 100 years of providing free civil legal services to low-income individuals, families, and communities in Maryland.

The party offered something for everyone, including live music, children’s activities, craft and food vendors, health testing, and information about community resources. Clients, former clients, community partners and the general public enjoyed the festivities.

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Maryland Legal Aid in action: HELPING FAMILIES

Northeastern Maryland office staff attorney Desiree Reetz successfully negotiated a settlement that gave a mother sole custody of her son and helped the woman start on a path of healing and counseling to break the cycle of domestic violence and get control of her life.

Lower Eastern Shore office paralegal Gail Morrisette, under the supervision of chief attorney Robert McCaig, successfully represented an eight-year-old child denied SSI benefits despite suffering from Asperger’s Syndrome (a developmental disorder that affects a child’s ability to socialize and communicate effectively with others), Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and a personality disorder.

Advancing Human Rights and Justice for All
Long Term Care Assistance Project supervising attorney Anne Hurley represented an 83-year-old former professional pianist who is a resident of an assisted living facility in Anne Arundel County. “She had been denied older adult waiver services after having received them for a year,” Anne said. “We assembled a team of doctors and care providers to show that her cognitive abilities were quite limited, and were able to settle with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene a day before the hearing—without all of her Medicaid benefits being restored. Her son, who is suffering from a terminal liver condition, was incredibly grateful that her benefits were restored. He didn’t know what he was going to do if he had to bring her home.”

Maryland Legal Aid in action: ELDER CARE

Advancing Human Rights and Justice for All
Expenditure Allocation

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Operating Income: $ 27,270,832
Operating Expenses: $ 24,646,978

Selected Sources of Funds

Federal Funding:
- Legal Services Corporation Grant Revenue $ 4,537,261
- Maryland Legal Services Corporation Grant Revenue $ 12,000
- HOPE Program (Housing Counseling) 182,500

State Funding:
- Private Donations: $ 239,075
- Foundations: $ 239,075
- Local Government Grants-In-Aid:
  - Anne Arundel 155,603
  - Baltimore City 62,500
  - Howard 101,890
  - Prince George’s 25,000
- Contract services regarding children, District Court self-help, Howard, Lower Shore, Montgomery, Prince George’s, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, and Upper Shore

Statewide Support:
- Cheryl Hystad, Director of Advocacy
- J. Peter Sabonis, Assistant Director of Advocacy for Income Security
- Gregory L. Countess, Assistant Director of Advocacy for Housing and Community Economic Development
- Jennifer Goldberg, Assistant Director of Advocacy for Elderly Law and Health Care
- Janet Hartz, Assistant Director of Advocacy for Children’s Rights

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- Anne Arundel 22,000
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- Howard 70,000
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- Circuit Court Pro Se Grants:
  - Anne Arundel 155,603
  - Baltimore City 28,750
  - Carroll 5,400
- Private Donations:
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All funds received by the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. are spent in accordance with the Legal Services Corporation Act of 1974, as amended 1977, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2140 et seq., its implementing regulations, 45 C.F.R. §§ 1600 et seq., and other applicable law.
Human rights belong to every one of us without exception.

But unless we know them, unless we demand they be respected, and unless we defend our right—and the right of others—to exercise them, they will be just words in a decades-old document.

—U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon